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Farewell to terrapin divine;
Farewell to punch and rosy wine,
And hail to herring, that disarms
The sinful souls of its alarms.

Farewell to satins, silks and laces,
To swallow-tails and smiling faces,
Farewell, a long farewell, to "germans,"
And hail to Friday's feasts and sermons.

I've packed away my party dresses;
I've straightened out my flowing tresses;
I've sobered down my giddy look,
And hunted up my lost prayer book.

And now, with pious zeal intent,
I feel I'm ready to repent;
For, as I think our rector says,
The Lent will end in forty days.

Then hail to Easter's songs and smiles!
Then hail to all of spring's new styles!
With these in view I am content
To fast and pray through all of Lent.

—From the Capital.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Peregrine Paret, Peregrine junior, and Miss Grace Paret sat at breakfast in their pleasant dining-room overlooking the garden, the avenue, the base-ball ground, and straight across the river to the steeples and high chimneys that loomed through the mist hanging over the busy metropolis. It had been Mrs. Paret's boast that she had the finest view from her front windows of any house in Riverview, and that not one unseemly blot rested upon the landscape. So that it became a sore thing to her when her husband leased a big lot in the direction of the water to a man by the name of Perkins, who got a lot of old boards together and reared a kind of workshop there, from which he emerged at various times in the day, sometimes in his shirt sleeves, and again in a leather apron and queer cap; if the weather was inclement, perhaps he wore a woolen jacket, and at this season of the year his pantaloons were generally thrust in his boots. He, as Mrs. Paret justly observed, evidently belonged to the working class, and she had no objection to Mr. Paret's hiring him to superintend the various repairs necessary that spring in their household, but she did strongly object to the peculiar manner of the man; it was not so much that he had dared to use his own judgment about the wall-paper, but he had actually appealed to Grace, to her daughter, to support him in his choice, and Grace, in her thoughtless way, had stood there in the hall talking with this man Perkins—talking, smiling, blushing. Why, Grace could not have shown more attention to the Grand Duke himself than she had to this paper-hanger.

"The impudence, the unparalleled impertinence," said Mrs. Paret, "of a paper-hanger, an ordinary paper-hanger, daring to intrude his choice of material, and actually using a pale gray ground instead of the shade I ordered!"

"But, mama," said Grace, "you said yourself that it was the prettiest, after it was on the wall."

"That has nothing to do with it," said Mrs. Paret, waving her hand, and majestically disposing of her daughter's plea—"nothing whatever to do with it. It's the principle of the thing, Grace; the idea of an ordinary paper-hanger—"

"I don't think he's altogether ordinary, mama," said Grace. "You must allow yourself that he's a little extraordinary, he's a kind of Admirable Crichton. I'm sure I never saw such skill in my life in hanging the curtains; and hung they would never have been if our people had been left to manage them. He just climbed the ladder, Peregrine," added Grace, turning to her brother, "and took the great clumsy things in his arms, gave a twist or two here, a tack or two there, a push up and a push down, and the whole thing was lovely!"

"Hum," said Peregrine, junior, tugging at the few wisps of hair he called a mustache—"hum—a—yes—no doubt; but there's such a thing as fellows being too confoundedly brisk, you know. Fellow's good enough, no doubt, in his way—capital mechanic, all that sort of thing; but hang it, you know, fellow must keep in his own groove. Watkins says to me yesterday, 'see fellow over there sawing board?' And I says, 'Yes,' And says Watkins, 'Fellow wants to join our boat club.' 'No!' says I. 'Fact,' says Watkins. 'Case of blackball,' says I. And it was; club couldn't stand that sort of thing, you know—kill it quicker'n lightning."

"That's the reason you lose every race," said Grace. "Mr. Perkins is a better oarsmen than any one in the club."

"Possible," drawled Peregrine. "Plenty clubs glad to get him, no doubt, but we decline the honor. If precedent is 'stablished that sort, no knowing what'll be consequence."

"Peregrine is right," said Mrs. Paret. "A place for every body, and every body in his place," is my motto, and one thing is very certain, that ramshackle old barn over there is ruining our property. I told you, Mr. Paret, what would be the result when you leased him the land."

Mr. Paret said nothing; his half-shut but keen eyes had at first rested upon the face of his daughter, and an expression of eager anxiety, which was very rare with him, had now given way to the usual grim composure of his features. He was a very quiet man, and would sit for a whole evening with his head up against the wall, never once hazarding a remark of his own, but contenting himself apparently with the conversation that went on about him. His extreme reticence had gained for him a certain reverence when he did happen to speak. A more voluble man might be allowed to run on unnoticed, or he might be contradicted or differed with, but Mr. Paret's words, like every thing rare, were held in consideration.

On this pleasant morning of which I speak he said nothing. For a brief moment a keen glance, almost haggard in anxiety, had rested on the sweet face of his daughter; but he did not reply to his wife. Two or three days later on he, however, made a remark which caused considerable confusion in the little circle about him.

This time it was the evening meal, and the subject was again Mr. Perkins.—Spring had come, the bitterness of the frost had melted in the ardor of the sun and the consequence was—mud! The peculiar yellow clay that formed the upper strata in the geological classification of Riverview became very noticeable that night in the Paret household. The heavy boots of Mr. Paret were clogged with it, the gaiters of Peregrine junior were flecked here and there, and the natty, arched, high-heeled shoes of Miss Grace, as they snuggled under the dining table, showed very plainly the amorous designs of this sordid clay.

"Hum—a—" drawled Peregrine, "what's all this about fellow with board? Watkin's home to-day, and says days of chivalry coming back again. Certain lovely lady's progress impeded by mud—along comes knight with board on shoulder—throws it down—lady walks over, smiles sweetly, says pretty words of gratitude; result, all fellows in Riverview hunting for boards."

"I hate Watkins," said Grace, a hot color leaping into her rounded cheek, her blue eyes flashing indignantly. "If he knew how I despised him, he'd stop persecuting me with his attentions. Nothing could be nicer, mama, than the way Mr. Perkins helped me over the crossing; it was the most natural thing in the world. You know how muddy it is on that corner by the church. I didn't know how to get across; I was quite in despair, when I saw Mr. Perkins with a board on his shoulder, and in the twinkling of an eye he had thrown it down and made a bridge of it for the passers-by."

"For you, you mean," said Mrs. Paret, sternly. "If it had been some poor old lame beggar woman, he'd have kept his board immaculate. What right has this person to offer you any civility? What right has he to know of your existence—to look at you at all?"

It was at this juncture of the conversation that Mr. Paret spoke. "A cat may look at a king," said Mr. Paret. And these few words of his had the effect of a bomb bursting in the enemy's camp.—Mrs. Paret started and stared at her husband, Peregrine's fork paused in mid-air, and even Gracie's eyes grew round in wonder. His opinion had not been asked. The little group, in fact, believed him utterly oblivious and indifferent to the Perkins question, and this singular and trite remark threw consternation in their midst.

But Mrs. Paret rallied sufficiently to stammer out, "A king is not supposed to look at a cat."

And Mr. Paret, who had by this time finished his meal and reached the door of the dining room, turned upon the threshold, and said, "That depends upon the taste and policy of the king and the character of the cat." With this Parthian arrow he went out and shut the door.

The next day Miss Grace went into the parlor to practice the opening piece for the following Sunday. Miss Grace was the soprano in the aristocratic church on the muddy corner below, and it was generally conceded that for sweetness and compass the voice of Miss Paret had no peer in Riverview. Mr. Perkins himself in passing the church the day before had paused, with the board on his shoulder, and listened, with his heart in his mouth, to the clear, sweet, ringing notes that fell upon the balmy air of that delicious morning. And very thankful he was that he had waited long enough to be of service to her in any way. "No thanks to me," he had said, while sacrificing his board; "I should have been half a mile a head if your voice hadn't rooted me to the spot."

"I thought I could get my part better if I tried it in the church," said Grace; "but it was so big and gloomy there, and it's so hard to practice alone; the tenor ought to be there at least."

These words of hers—as, indeed, all her words—remained in the memory of Mr. Perkins; and on the following morning, while he was superintending the papering of the reception-room on the other side of the hall, and listening to Miss Paret's voice from the parlor, he became more and more convinced that she really did need the assistance of the tenor; the rest could be got along without, but the tenor was indispensable. He'd been humming to himself all the time, but of what service was this to Miss Paret? On the spur of the moment he walked across the hall and through the open door into the parlor. He saw that her color rose, and that she turned upon the piano stool and quickly confronted him, and for a moment he wished that he had never learn to sing. If this impulse of his should cost this loveliest and best of God's creatures the least disappointment or even surprise, his epiglottis might as well be the most ordinary in the world—he wo'd never sing again. But her voice held no indignation in it, nor her face, which was the purest, the gentlest, the most winning, of faces.

"Shall I call mama?" she said.

"Oh, no," he replied; "the papering is going on nicely; but I thought, if you'd allow me, I'd just supply the tenor for you. I can see that the absence of it is a great impediment. If you wouldn't mind, Miss Paret, I think you could make out with my voice for the time."

And he began without further preamble to sing the solo. Miss Paret followed him with the piano accompaniment, her musical soul in her ears. Oh, how vastly, immeasurably superior was his voice to the tenor she had been accustomed to—to any tenor, any voice! Presently he ceased, and tremblingly, but sweet, she took up the refrain. Then he joined in with her, and for about ten minutes or so the paper-hangers on the other side of the corridor, the maid-servant in the kitchen, and the man-servant in the hall, listened, open-mouthed, to these seraphic strains that seemed straight from paradise. Unfortunately they soared up into the sitting-room above, where Mrs. Paret was making up her domestic accounts, and so engrossed was she that she did not at first realize that a man's voice was mingling with that of her daughter. When she did, she made up her mind it was Mr. Barnes, the church tenor. But Mrs. Paret was a musical critic, and very soon concluded those full rich notes did not belong to Mr. Barnes. Besides he had gone to the city; she saw him go to the train half an hour before. Who could it be? The voice was certainly a strange one—wonderfully fine, but strange. Mrs. Paret dropped her book, put her pencil behind her ear, and went down into the parlor. Inside her horror, her dismay, her indignation, to find that wonderfully fine but strange voice in the possession of Mr. Perkins! And to find her daughter, the acknowledged queen of Riverview society, deigning to mingle her voice with his, and accompany him while he sang!

The poor girl hung her head when she saw her mama. She knew there wasn't a bit of harm in the situation; it was only the impulsive kindness of Mr. Perkins, and the yearning for harmony which besets a musical soul. If she could only tell her mama—explain to her Mr. Perkins's motive and her own! But she could see that Mrs. Paret was growing redder and redder; that her usually rubicund complexion was deepening to a rich mahogany, that she was swelling up, so to speak, with rage and indignation.

Mr. Perkins could see this for himself, and hastened to apologize.

"It was merely a musical intrusion, madam," he said. I saw that your daughter needed a tenor, and, without pausing to think, offered it to her."

"I'm sure Mr. Perkins is always very kind," Grace.

"Kind!" echoed the exasperated woman. "I'm about sick of Mr. Perkins and his kindness. He'd oblige me by taking it and himself out of the house, and never entering its doors again in any capacity or under any circumstances."

Mr. Perkins bowed his head meekly, went over to Grace, and took her trembling hands in both his own for a half second, bent his head again reverently to the haughty stare of Mrs. Paret, then went across the hall, gave a few directions to the workmen there, and walked out.

That night Mrs. Paret beamed refulgently at the head of the table. She was glad now that it happened as it did.—She was rid of that intolerable Mr. Perkins at once and forever.

"The impudence of your man Perkins," she said to her husband, "overreached itself to-day. I ordered him out of the house."

"You did!" said Mr. Paret, putting down his knife and fork, and looking at the partner of his bosom. "And what did he say?"

"Say? What could he say?"

"What did he do?"

"Do? What could he do? He went out as he was ordered, and I've forbidden his entering the doors again in any capacity."

A grim smile distorted the features of Mr. Paret. He had not smiled much of late, so that this working of the muscles was really a distortion.

"I suppose he'd oblige you if he could," said Mr. Paret. "I've found him a very kind and accommodating fellow; but he can't help himself in this case."

"In what case, Mr. Paret? What do you mean?" said his wife, who saw that his chin was shaking painfully, and his hands trembled on the arms of his chair.

"A man can't very well stay out of his own house," said Mr. Paret. "Every thing belongs to Mr. Perkins—house, furniture, and all. He thought perhaps if it was kept quiet I might tide over; but it's no use, Maria. I'm broken up hand and foot. We'll have to go back to the farm."

Then Mr. Paret's head fell back powerless. He was carried to bed.

Shortly after, Peregrine junior came in, with that draggled look that characterizes a cock that has been beaten upon his own dunghill.

"Here's a go," he said. "Perkins blackballed at the club, and turns out he owns the whole concern—boat-house, waterfront, and all."

But nobody minded Peregrine junior. To do Mrs. Paret justice, she was a true stanch woman in time of trouble.

"We'll go back to the farm, dearie," she said to the poor distracted broker.—"Thank God, that's mine! Nobody can touch that. Only get well and strong, Peregrine, and I'll be content to spend the rest of our days there. Of course it will be a blow to Grace to leave Riverview; but she's a good girl."

"Yes. God bless her!" said Mr. Paret.

But I don't believe that Grace will leave Riverview with the old folks. That night as she sat alone in the parlor, her tears falling fast upon the keys, sad thoughts and heavy fears distracting her thoughts from the melody, all at once a big broad-shouldered shadow loomed up between her and the moonlight.

"I had to come in at the window," he said, "for you know I've been forbidden the doors. I came to beg you to forgive my blundering idiocy of to-day."

"It doesn't matter," said Grace, with a sweet sad dignity that made Mr. Perkins feel as if he'd like to get down on his knees to her. "We know now that every thing here is yours—papa has told us. We are going back to the farm, and then you can come and go as you like."

"That's all nonsense," said Mr. Perkins, devouring with his eyes the sweet sad face beneath his own; "your father will pull through yet, and as for the rest, there's only one thing in the house of any value to me, and that's so priceless and precious and unspeakably dear that I can't get courage to plead for it."

But I think he did, for I met Watkins myself the other day, and he said he was going to Mexico, the country was going to the dogs, and the franchise wasn't worth a cent. Too much power was given to monopolies. In Riverview alone was a case where one fellow, and an ordinary fellow at that, had gobbled up every thing—boat-club championship, a woman that was next door to an angel, and all. "You knew her," pursued Watkins, "Paret's sister Grace; and you know him too, that masquerading chap with board. What's his name?—Perkins?"

A TALE OF THE TURF.

Ben. G. Rogers as a Land Owner.—The Horrors of Bradford Mud.

The story having gone abroad in one of the Bradford papers that Mr. Ben. G. Rogers, the favorite commedian of this city, had been purchasing some rich oil lands in that vicinity, a *Courier* reporter called upon that gentleman in order to enjoy a parting shake of the hand before Mr. Rogers became so rich and proud as to forget old friends. He was found at home, No. 63 Seneca street, busily engaged in polishing up the two new plays which will be produced on Easter Monday night upon the occasion of his benefit at the Academy of Music. Upon learning the object of the call, Mr. Rogers burst into a hearty fit of laughter.

"So you have heard the story of my oil land," he cried, shaking with mirth.

The reporter informed him that such a story had appeared in the papers, and as the people of Buffalo took a great interest in the fortunes of an old public favorite, etc.

"But it is only a story," said Mr. Rogers. "You see, I went out the other morning with a friend, and we walked up the side of the mountain to get a look at the situation, and in stempting to cross one of the wagon tracks I sunk nearly to my knees in the mud, and my companion said I had struck oil, for he had it spattered all over him—and so the story went abroad that I had purchased oil land—and before I left the town I had prospectors, tradesmen and workers of all kinds offering to buy, trade or borrow on the new flow."

"The Bradford district is rich in mud as well as oil" asked the reporter.

"Mud!" exclaimed Ben. "I should say so! I never saw such a bed—so soft—so deep, so adhesive. It would take the boots off your feet if they were not padlocked on at the knee."

"Really?" queried the astonished reporter.

"It was past comprehension," said the veteran commedian. "What think you of this thrilling tale of the virgin oil? An old fellow, evidently from the mountains, was coming over the road to Bradford the other day, and floundering along he saw a hat—much better than the one he had on his head—lying flat on the mud. He waded to the spot and was lifting it up when a voice below called out, "Neighbor, if you lift me out of this you may have that hat." The old fellow drops the hat and rolling about to get closer found a man's head, and pulling at the hair he shouted, "Where's the rest of you?" "Down here," said the voice.—"Did you see a chestnut colt about you anywhere?" "No," said the old fellow, "have you lost one?" "Yes," replied the submerged one. "I think it must have been about four hours ago; he stumbled and I fell off him and didn't stop falling till I got here. Help me out and I'll stand drinks besides the hat." "I'll do it," said the old fellow, "You're the third one I've helped out of the muck this morning." So that's the way the oil country is now."

"By the way," said the reporter, determined to get some information if he co'd not get oil out of Mr. Rogers, "Are these pieces which you play at your benefit entirely new?"

"Entirely so," said the jovial actor, and after wishing him great success upon the occasion of his benefit, the reporter withdrew.—*Buffalo Courier.*

The Ærophone.

From the Philadelphia Press

Philadelphia is soon to be startled with another of Edison's marvellous mechanical discoveries and inventions. It has been called by Mr. Edison the aerophone. It is an instrument into which words can be articulated, and they gather such force as to be heard with great distinctness a number of miles away. It may be termed a talking fog-horn. By its aid it is claimed that captains at sea can readily converse while three or four miles apart. Vessels approaching a dangerous coast can be warned by the aerophone and disaster and shipwreck avoided. The vibrating plate, which in the phonograph moves a sharp point over a revolving cylinder, in the aerophone operates a valve to shut off and open the flow of steam through a pipe leading from the boiler to a peculiarly arranged horn or whistle.—By this contrivance the steam is made to articulate words, instead of a long, continuous sound. Mr. Edison is confident that this last marvellous invention of his will perform satisfactorily all that he claims for it. Already he has made application to the Department at Washington for a patent, and in a few weeks will give an exhibition of its abilities and capabilities. It would seem from all that is claimed for the instrument that it will very quickly supercede all fog-horns now in use, and may at no very distant period be advantageously used by railroad companies in signalling stations and giving warning of approaching trains.

Sudden Death of Treasurer Bryden.

From the Wellsboro Agitator.

As stated by us last week, Mr. Bryden, the County Treasurer, was thrown from his buggy, on Wednesday, March 20th, while driving a spirited young horse. He struck on his shoulder, and suffered so severe a shock that, although he was able to leave the house a few days after the accident, it was evident to even casual observers that his brain was somewhat involved in the injuries received, and his mind was considerably disordered. It was hoped, however, that time and entire abention from his business and official duties would effect his complete recovery. But all such hopes were doomed to very sudden and utter disappointment. Last Sunday forenoon, as he was engaged making his toilet, his wife noticed that he suddenly lost control of his left hand, and his whole left side was speedily paralyzed. He was at once got to bed, and the assistance of friends and physicians was procured; but from the time of the paralytic attack—about eleven o'clock—Mr. Bryden was unconscious and unable to articulate intelligibly. It was evident from the first that the stroke was a fatal one; and the end came a little before four o'clock in the afternoon. Aside from the occasional rubbing of the back of his head he gave no evidence of suffering, and his death was a peaceful one.

Thomas B. Bryden was born at Halldykes, on a farm near Lockerbie, in Dumfries-shire, Scotland, September 4th 1830. His boyhood was passed on the farm. When sixteen or seventeen years of age he went into the employment of a merchant of Dumfries, the county-town, where he remained two or three years. In 1850 he came to this country. He worked on a farm for a time, and assisted his elder brother, the late James S. Bryden, in surveying the lands of the Bingham estate. On the death of his brother, in 1856, he became the Surveyor of the estate, and continued in that position until the summer of 1862. In that year he was active in raising a company of volunteers, and was elected Captain. The regiment to which his company was attached was on duty in Washington and its neighborhood until the spring of 1863. While stationed there Mr. Bryden suffered severely from rheumatism, and being advised that his health did not warrant his continuance in the field, he left the service.

After leaving the army he was for a time employed in the Western part of the State; and in 1870 he entered the service of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company. He remained in their employment two years, and then resumed his former position in the office of the Bingham Estate, which he retained until last April, when the surveying of the estate being insufficient to give him full employment, he was engaged as Surveyor of the Pennsylvania Joint Lumber and Land Company.

Last summer he received the Democratic nomination for the office of County Treasurer, and at the election in November he received a vote exceeding by more than twelve hundred that cast in the county for the Democratic State ticket, securing his election by a majority of 136. That vote attested not only the popular confidence in his ability and integrity, but his great personal popularity as well. Probably no man in the county had a more extended acquaintance among the people, or a larger list of warm personal friends. That he thoroughly deserved the affectionate regard in which he was generally held those who knew him best are best assured. His frankness and honesty of character won the respect of all who were brought in contract with him, while his genial manners, his unselfishness and warm-hearted sympathy attached his friends to him with hooks of steel, and caused even little children, the shrewdest and most honest critics of human nature, to love him like an intimate comrade and play-fellow. And he who wins the love of bright and innocent young hearts needs no other certificate of a pure, loyal and loving nature.

Mr. Bryden was a Knight Templar and a member of the Masonic Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and had presided in each. He was also a member of Tioga Lodge of Odd Fellows. It is needless to say that he was held in the highest esteem by fellow-members of both orders. Since the re-organization of our village Fire Department he has been at its head as Chief Engineer, and in this position, as in every other, he has discharged his duties with zeal, integrity and efficiency. He leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his untimely removal in the prime of life and in the midst of an honorable and useful career. He leaves them, however, the rich inheritance of an honorable record, a name respected and loved by his fellow-men, and embalmed in many hearts, a memory that shall

"Smell sweet and blossom in the dust."

The Queen of Tramps.

The Bangor, Maine, *Commercial* says: "Mrs. Mary Merriman is a respectable appearing woman of 30, is not bad looking, and has every appearance of being upright and of good character. She is, however, without doubt, the queen of female tramps, and can discount the great majority of male tramps. She was born at St. Albans, in this State, and her folks were farmers. She has since lived in Hermon with her brother, Joseph Merriman, who does a good deal of trading in this city. Three years ago this fall she took it into her head to see the country, and started out with neither scrip nor staff, but a good pair of thick shoes. She walked across the country, braving all kinds of weather, and finally brought up in Clinton, Iowa, when she took the back track and returned to this city. Two years ago she decided to start out again, and this time selected a longer tour. She walked through portions of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and on to Washington, where she remained a few days, and 'did the capital,' and then made a bolt for Savannah, Georgia, where she remained a short time. Then on she went again, doing the States of Kentucky, Tennessee, Iowa, Indiana, and finally got round to Kansas City. Here she stopped awhile and earned a new tramping outfit. Again she started, this time with the intention of crossing the plains to California, but finally stopped when told by many persons that it would be very unsafe for her to think of attempting it alone. She then started on a return trip, walking from Kansas City to Chicago, thence to Detroit, doing Niagara Falls, and crossing to Canada, thence to New York and through Massachusetts, arriving at her home in Hermon a little more than a week ago. She says she averages 28 miles a day. She says when she gets tired and out of clothes she finds no trouble in getting a few days' work, and in this manner enjoys her life.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COLD BOY AND A WARM BOY.—Sunday afternoon a policeman walking along Columbia St. east caught sight of a boy about twelve years old trying to pry up a kitchen window.

As the lad betrayed no alarm when accosted, the officer mildly demanded if he lived there, and why he was prying up the sash.

"I live here, but I'm locked out," replied the boy. "This is about the hundredth time this game has been played upon me, and this is the last hair that breaks the camel's back!"

"Where's your mother?"

"Gone over to my aunt's, I s'pose. I have just got home from the Sunday-school."

"And why should she lock the "door?"

"That's the bloody mystery!" angrily exclaimed the lad. "There's a big frosted cake in the house, of course, but would I touch it? Why, I just hate the sight of raisin cake with frosting on it!"

"You simply desire to get in to warm your feet," suggested the officer.

"That's all, and I'm going in if it takes the roof off."

The officer walked on, and in a few minutes passed up the alley behind the house to help catch a loose horse. Seated on the fence was the boy who was working at the window. He was now working at frosted cake.

"See here, sir! didn't you tell me that you didn't like cake?" cried the excited officer.

"Well, you know that was when I was cold," replied the urchin as he hunted for the raisins. "There's a heap of difference between a cold boy and a warm boy!"

"And you don't feel as desperate as you did?"

"Not quite, though I can't tell what minute I may want some pickled peaches, and it makes me mad to think that ma hid this cake in a basket in the parlor stove!"

Formation of Petroleum.

The formation of petroleum has been explained by Mr. H. Byasson upon experimental grounds, as follows: If a mixture of vapor of water, carbonic acid, and sulphuretted hydrogen be made to act upon iron heated to a white heat in an iron tube; a certain quantity of liquid carburets will be formed. This mixture of carburets, is comparable to petroleum. The formation of petroleum can thus be naturally explained by the action of the sea, penetrating into the cavities of the terrestrial crust, carries with it numerous materials, and especially marine limestone. If the subterranean cavity permits these new products to penetrate to a depth where the temperature is sufficiently high, in contact with metallic substances, such as iron or its sulphurets, we have a formation of carburets. These bodies will form part of the gases whose expansive force causes earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, etc. Petroleum is always found in the neighborhood of volcanic regions or a long mountain chain. In general it will be modified in its properties by causes acting after its formation, such as partial distillation, etc. Petroleum deposits will always be accompanied by salt water or rock salt. Often and especially where the deposit is among hard and compact rocks, it will be accompanied by gas, such as hydrogen, sulpureted hydrogen, carbonic acid, etc

The Future of a Pope.

It is always dangerous and usually impossible to decide on the character of a new Pope, because if the man believes his creed—and the days of unbelieving Popes have long since passed away—the Papal crown itself must gravely modify his character. A man cannot really think himself the delegate of God on earth, the depositary of the power defining Divine truth, and responsible for the spiritual welfare of 200,000,000 of christians and remain the same man he was before those tremendous prerogatives were committed to his charge. He must be affected to the last degree for good or for evil by the change—a change, too, which comes so suddenly. The Pope has no heir apparent, no successor even reasonably certain of his seat. A Pope has frequently appeared, even to his intimates, to have changed his character with his election; and the old and melodramic legend of Sixtus Quintus—a very cruel, though very vigorous Pope, as we read history—must in some sense, be true of every successive wearer of the tiara.—[Spectator.

Authors ought to be wise for they have to sell their wisdom; and what is bought and sold should be genuine.

We learn to climb by keeping our eyes not on the hills behind us, but on the mountains that rise before us.

SPLINTERS.

Now Ireland haunts the bloody shirt,

Texas is sufficiently Spanish to enjoy bull-fights hugely.

The taxation of mortgages is being brooded over in the Assembly.

Will Stewart's hotel become an asylum for old maids?

Somebody is trying to bull the peanut market of Rochester.

Mrs. Brooks will show the Parisians how to use butter for art purposes.

Mrs. Stewart will run over to the Woman's Hotel, frequently, in time for a lunch.

Gail Hamilton rises up and plucks a few more hairs from the scalped head of Dana G. Eaton.

It is very certain that for the past month Mrs. Hayes has not been running the government.

The Senate Chamber is to be used by the Court of Appeals soon as the adjournment occurs.

After all its Centennial experience, Philadelphia gravely inquires if her sewers are death dealing.

A lady in Brooklyn believes that animals, as well as spitz dogs, will be immortal in Heaven.

We fear that Talmage's ultimate refuge will be in London, where a church is waiting for him.

Princess Sonvaroff is writing a Book. Her indignation against this country seems to have oozed out.

Come to ponder over it, Talmage is going to London to be in unrestrained intercourse with his friend Tupper.

The people of Chicago have succeeded in electing an exceedingly bad city Council.

Throughout the State of Michigan the price of farm labor is $16 to $20 per month, with board.

The Eastern war fever is still on the increase, and the only cure seems to be phlebotomy.

England Bulls the Eastern question, and there seems to be nothing left for Russia but to Bear it.

The three parties in Ohio are congratulating themselves that it went no worse with them at the Spring elections.

General Grant may be able to secure a situation while over in Europe. He has had considerable experience in handling armies.

The killing of an English Earl in Ireland, on the eve of a war with Russia, is not a very promising circumstance we should say.

David Sheets, a wealthy farmer of Easton, this State, committed suicide by hanging.

The German Catholic church of Pottsville was robbed of articles valued a $3,500 Sunday night.

England is not done with her troubles in Africa. The Kaffir war is spreading, and the English troops have been compelled to retreat.

The President is gratified over the result of the Rhode Island election, because, as he says, it shows the course of the administration has not killed the Republican party entirely.

A Chicago speculator failed a few days ago with liabilities to the amount of $928,000, and no assets. He was indeed a speculator.

President Hayes is to help launch the second steamer of the New York and Rio Janeiro mail service, on Saturday, at Chester, Pa.

The Sultan, a crack British ironclad, after a four weeks' cruise, has gone home for repairs. Confidence, thereby, is greatly strengthened in the ability of the Ironclad fleet.

Mark Twain has been visiting his mother at Fredonia, Chautauqua county, previous to bidding farewell to friends and country for a long sojourn in Europe.

The Shah of Persia is coming East on a summer junketing. Neither wars nor rumors of wars disturb the placid nature of this royal pleasure lover.

Muller is the inventor of a new punch, which is to be a formidable rival of Mollitt's. With them all in use, there will be some lively punching.

The Arctic regions have been unusually warm, during the past winter, and the icebergs are encountered earlier than usual.

Miss Sherman, Mrs. Hoyt, her sister, and mother are now searching Gotham for things good enough for the event of May 9th.

Possibly something may happen to Ida May, when she gets over to Paris. It is to be hoped she did not take her brother along.

All postage stamps are made by eighty pretty girls. But how does that fact make the stamps any better than if made by eighty homely girls?

Again T. T. and wife are reported living together in New Jersey—and the mother-in-law Morse does not deny it.—And it is said the T. T.'s will go to Europe in June.

The Democratic Governor and Legislature of Ohio have not only made a Republican victory possible in October, but highly probable.

The inspector of steam vessels at Norfolk decides that the lost "Metropolis" was rotten. Yet it is quite certain nobody was to blame.

Why, certainly, if we are to have bell punches at all, we must have the full benefit of our own local bell punches, as well as of all the other punches.

The Nationals seem to have developed the greatest strength in the State of Indiana. They carried the city of Terre Haute over both the Democrats and Republicans.

Fernando Wood does not doubt that his Tariff Bill will pass. Then we do not doubt at all that Pennsylvania will give an overwhelming Republican majority next October.

The greatest question with the Ohio legislators is, whether they will adjourn to prepare for corn planting, or let their wives run the farms, while they make raids upon the State Treasury.

The New York *Express* announces that "the widow of Commodore Vanderbilt is hymenially inclined toward a Southern gentleman, who has a strong matrimonial inclination towards the aforesaid.—It is reported that the two will be made one presently."

A young naval lieutenant is passing an execrable honeymoon. He was married on the eve of the sailing of the Wyoming. He sent his bride to Paris by a French steamer, and he is on board of the Wyoming, having put back to New York for repairs.

Miss Murray, who killed a man in self defence of her chastity, was requitted in North Carolina. This opens the door to the possible killing of a man who may approach a woman with the most innocent intent, providing she is a worse woman than was Miss Murray.

It is now apparent why the members of the Legislature want to prolong the session. They have only 833 bills introduced in the House. Two active legislators ought to hand in that many, not including their board and wash bills.

Lord Salisbury, Lord Derby's successor in the British ministry, is described as a cynic, a hater of cant, and a tory of tories. He will be the man of all men in England to assist the Prime Minister in conducting a war with Rusia.

THE McKEAN MINER.

H. F. Harbour - - - Editor.

Smethport, Pa., April 11, 1878.

EX-GOVERNOR MOSES, of South Carolina, languishes in a cell at police headquarters, New York, being arrested on a charge of forgery, on a requisition from Governor Wade Hampton.

THE State Senate is away ahead of the House in the completion of its work. In fact, the table was cleared last week, and they were obliged to adjourn a few days for want of work. The House, on the contrary, is so far behind that it can hardly see its way to a possible adjournment, and nothing has been done. There are too many heavy statesmen in that body.

HON. GALUSHA A. GROW is reported to be traveling night and day in the interest of securing his own nomination as Republican candidate for Governor. It is said that he seems to think of nothing else, and can talk of nothing else, and the subject probably occupies a large portion of his dreams. But we fear the old gentleman is worrying himself prematurely gray to no purpose. He is not exactly the kind of a Republican that is needed at this stage of affairs to act as standard bearer. If we must be saddled with Galusha, why not take in Andy Curtin?

THE action of the Republican county committee, as detailed in another column, in instructing the delegates representing this county in the State Convention to urge the nomination of Hon. C. W. Stone, of Warren, for the office of Lieutenant Governor, will undoubtedly receive the approbation of men of all parties in the county. Judging from the expressions of our exchanges, the demand for his nomination is unanimous in the oil producing districts, and the Convention will act very unwisely if these just demands are unheeded. Mr. Stone is a Massachusetts man by birth and was educated at Williams College. He is a lawyer by profession; has represented Warren county one term in the Legislature, and is now representing the counties of Warren and Venango in the State Senate. Although one of the youngest, he is considered one of the ablest members of that body. His nomination would add great strength to the ticket, and we are pleased to know that it is already becoming a conceded question.

BEN. BUTLER has evidently determined to go squarely over to the Democrats. He voted with them to unseat Field, Republican, of Massachusetts, knowing full well that the Democratic contestant had not a shadow of claim to the seat. He has further indicated his intention by moving the appointment of another democrat to the vacant Doorkeepership. As he stands but little chance of being returned to Congress as a Republican, it looks as if the wily old fellow means to try and make it as a Democrat. The only good reputation Ben. has made during his political career has been as a Republican, and the blots on his record are only due to his democratic birth and early education. The force of early habit is too much for him. He has lived a respectable life as long as he can stand it. He has shown symptoms of backsliding for some time, and it is probably well for the Republican party that he should return wholly to his evil associates, and make no further pretense of respectability.

THE appointment of the new Doorkeeper of the House is a matter of no very absorbing interest to the public, except for the fact that it is the second time a new appointment to that office has become necessary because of the utter incapacity of the incumbents. The debate on the subject was however interesting as showing how much more powerful are the claims of Confederate over Union soldiers with the Democratic party. This fact has repeatedly appeared in the House appointments of both the present and the previous Congress. But it never appeared so strikingly as in this case. The choice was between two Democrats—one an ex-Union and one an ex-rebel soldier—and the latter was chosen. This man—Charles W. Field is his name—never until last February consented to have his rebel disabilities removed. He is a graduate of West Point and a military adventurer. As Doorkeeper of the House he is likely to achieve distinction much as his illustrious predecessors, Fitzhugh, and Polk, have.

THE PROGRESS of the Pipe-line bill in the Assembly indicates its early passage by a decisive vote. Those in control of it did wisely to accept all reasonable amendments offered by its opponents, as they thus made it clear that they desire no legislation which can by any fair construction be considered injurious or offensive to the public. The ugly stage in the progress of the bill will be its treatment by the Governor. It is understood that he will refer it to the Attorney-General, for an opinion as to the constitutionality of the section which proposes to confer upon pipe-line companies the right of "eminent domain"—that is, the right to condemn private property for public uses. The Governor's idea seems to be—or, perhaps more correctly, his excuse for coldness toward the bill is,—that the construction of a pipe-line is not such a public use as to warrant conferring right of eminent domain. But a pipe-line is certainly not a private enterprise. It receives and transports oil for everybody indiscriminately, exactly as railroads transport freight. Pennsylvania has a free pipe-line law for ten of her northwestern counties, with as full right of eminent domain as is granted to railroads, and nobody has ever questioned the constitutionality of the act, though the railroads and Standard monopoly succeeded last winter in defeating the proposed extension of its provisions to the whole State. That was a mistake by which New-York should profit, and Gov. Robinson may well think twice before blocking the way.—*Buffalo Express.*

THE Bureau of Statistics figures that under Wood's tariff bill the revenues of the last fiscal year would be reduced $9,000,000.

A DEMOCRATIC OPINION.

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* is somewhat discouraged at the prospect of the Democratic party, and calls it a riff-raff of poor fools. It thinks the party's present situation and prospects must be the subject of serious apprehension with all thoughtful Democrats, and it says: "It has been the victim of abominable leadership. It has an inferior complement of politicians and a weak press. It is divided on immaterial points. Not ungenerous as to personalities, it is divided upon such petty favorites as have met its approval."

WHAT MACKEY SAYS.

Ex-Treasurer Robt. W. Mackey generally keeps the run of things regarding State politics, and his predictions are therefore entitled to more than ordinary credit. He went through the hands of a professional interviewer in Washington, the other day, and among other things gave the following opinion as to the make up of the ticket for the coming campaign:

Republicans, for Governor, Hoyt; Supreme Judge, Sterrett; for Lieutenant Governor, Stone, of Warren, or M'Michael, of Philadelphia. In event of Philadelphia not receiving the Lieutenant Governorship, the city will receive the Secretaryship of the Interior for any one she may present. He thinks the Democratic ticket will be made up of Dill for Governor, Ross, of Bucks, for Supreme Judge. The defeat of Shepherd for Judge and M'Candless for Governor will secure the Secretaryship of Interior for Philadelphia, though it is possible they will demand the Lieutenant Governorship. For the latter position Playford, of Fayette, and Stranahan, of Mercer, are strong competitors. On the Labor ticket he thinks Wm. H. Armstrong and Hendrick B. Wright are the strongest candidates for the Governorship. It is intimated that Frank Hughes favors Armstrong, in the hopes of combining on the Senatorial prize for himself. Mackey thinks that Wickersham's strength is not sufficiently concentrated to make a formidable competitor against Hoyt; that he doubtless has many friends in the school districts, but that they will hardly be able to bring themselves together to act harmoniously in the convention.

MARK TWAIN AS A DIPLOMAT.

The following is the principal part of Mark Twain's speech at the Bayard Taylor Banquet in New York Thursday night (written for the occasion):

But—as I was about to remark—cast your eye abroad, sir, for one pregnant moment over the vista which looms before you in the mighty domain of intellectual progression and contemplate the awe-compelling theory of the descent of man! Development, sir! Development! Natural selection! Correlation of the sexes! Spontaneous combustion!—what gulfs and whirlwinds of intellectual stimulus these magic words fling upon the burning canvas of the material universe of soul! Across the chasm of the ages we take the oyster by the hand and call him brother; and back, and still further back, we go, and breathe the germ we cannot see, and know, in him our truer Adam! And as we stand, dazed, transfixed, exalted, and gaze down the long procession of life, marking how steadily, how symmetrically we have ascended, step by step, to our sublime estate and dignity of humanity—out of one lowly form into a little higher and a little higher forms—adding grace after grace, and function after function, with each and every change—developing from tadpoles into frogs, frogs into fishes, fishes into birds, birds into reptiles; reptiles into Russians—I beg a million pardons, sir and gentlemen—it was a wholly innocent slip of the tongue, and due only to the excitement of debate—for far be it from me, upon such an occasion as this, to cast a seeming slur upon a great nation with which we are at peace—a great and noble and Christian nation—whom God expand!

But, as I was about to remark, I maintain—and nothing can ever drive me from that position—that the contributions of the nineteenth century to science and the industrial arts are—are—but, of course they are. There is no need to dwell upon that. You look at it yourself. Look at steam! Look at the steamboat, look at the railway, look at the steamship! Look at the telegraph, which enables you to flash your thoughts from world to world, ignoring intervening seas. Look at the telephone, which enables you to speak into affection's remote ear the word that cheers, and into the ear of the foe the opinion which you ought not to risk at shorter range. Look at the sewing-machine, look at the fog-horn, look at the bell-punch, look at the book-agent. And, more than all, a thousand times, look at the last and greatest, the aerophone, which will enable Moody and Sankey to stand on the tallest summit of the Rocky Mountains and deliver their messages to listening America!—and necessarily it will annul and do away with the pernicious custum of taking up a collection.

But, as I was about to remark, it has always seemed to me—that is, of course, since I reached a reasoning age—that this much agitated question of future rewards and punishments was one upon which honest and sincere difference of opinion might exist: one individual, with more or less justice, leaning to the radical side of it, whilst another individual, with apparently equal justice, but with infinitely more common sense, more intelligence, more justification, leans to a bitter and remorseless detestation of the pitiless Prince of Perdition—a slip of the tongue, I do sincerely assure you—I beg you to let me withdraw that unintentional slur upon the character of that great and excellent personage with whom and whose country we are upon the closest and warmest terms, and who—it is no use, sir, I will sit down; I don't seem to have any knack at a diplomatic speech. I have probably compromised the country enough for the present.

Nonsense aside, sir, I am most sincerely glad to assist at this public expression of appreciation of Mr. Taylor's character, scholarship and distinguished literary service. I am sure he was not merely one of the fittest men we had for the place, but the fittest. In so honoring him, our country has conspicuously honored herself.

GEN. FIELD, late of the Egyptian Khedive's army, was elected Doorkeeper of the House Monday, receiving 128 straight Democratic votes against 101 votes for General Shields, the compromise candidate, and eight for Mr. Trent, straight Republican. In his speech General Butler proved that General Field was not a citizen of the United States, but an Egyptian by adoption.

A MISTAKEN idea has prevailed for some time that the State Convention of the Nationals was to be held on the 15 of May. The official call shows, however, that it is to be held in Philadelphia on the 8th of May, one week previous to the Republican and two weeks previous to the Democratic State Conventions, which meet at Harrisburg and Pittsburgh on the 15th and 22d of May respectively.

MR. HAYES will summer at Fremont, his old home. Of course that is all right. But when President Grant insisted on getting out of malarial Washington to Long Branch there was a succession of teapot tempests. Long Branch, too, is not so far away as Fremont, either.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

IT IS now said that the Cameron-Sherman wedding will come off at Cleveland May 9th.

THE country is cheered and revived by a report from Washington that Congress will perhaps adjourn July 1st.

THE Democrats of the House have agreed upon another Doorkeeper, an ex-Confederate whose disabilities were only removed two months ago.

THE DUKE of Edinburgh, who married a Russian Princess, has been called home from the Mediterranean. He will not be called upon to fight his own mother-in-law.

THE *Courier-Journal* believes it will be Grant against a divided Democracy in 1880. It is right as to the divided Democracy, doubtless. Regarding the rest of the proposition it is hard to tell.

A Pittsburg woman saloon-keeper, to avoid the penalty against bar maids in that city, has taken all her young women into silent partnership. A Philadelphia lawyer must have told her how to do it.

THE Chicago *Tribune* intimates that Ben Butler had no business to be born. We have no doubt that if the General had used his own judgment in that matter the calamity would have never occurred.

IT IS very possible that Gail Hamilton, Susan B. and Anna D. would find an Eden somewhere in Oregon, near the Pacific shores. Ten thousand women are wanted there, with happy, happy homes waiting for them.

THE *Graphic* speaks of an invention called the kinograph. We beg to inform Mr. Edson that he is going too far. It positively will not work. No kissing can be satisfactory unless the parties are both on the ground themselves to see that it is done right.

IT IS said that the Tilden bureau will be re-opened in Washington, where employment will be provided for Bigelow, Fairchild, Apgar, and the rest of the nincompoops for the new campaign to be inaugurated for the Presidency and the Governorship of New York.

MR. Tilden has emerged from the seclusion of Gramercy Park long enough to mention to a reporter that he has no idea of being a candidate for Governor of New York. As nobody has ever had any idea of asking him to be a candidate, it seems to be an "up-and-up" thing.

THE Annecke Jans war is upon us anew. Mrs. Wallace an heir has found the original lease to Trinity Corporation. As that ran out in 1838 and was not renewed she proposes to bust all hands and take possession of a large proportion of New York City. She has refused $4,000,000 to settle the hash.

HE is a developement. John O'Connor, Democrat, member of the Ohio Legislature, proves to have been a penitentiary convict as well as a deserter from the army. It is charged that he was formerly connected with a gang of robbers.

RUSSIA has recently purchased 200,000 ounces of quinine in the United States, and that essential tonic has in consequence experienced a sharp advance in price. Shaking with the ague promises to be an expensive amusement this year.

GOV. VAN ZANDT proves to have a larger majority for his reelection in Rhode Island than the Republicans have given in the annual Gubernatorial election before since 1873. Evidently the party is not breaking up very rapidly.

THE House of Representatives has removed Col. John W. Polk, doorkeeper, from office, because he made too many appointments. Like his predecessor Fitz Hugh, he was a bigger man than the House. He was also a reconstructed rebel.

PROBABLY the severest thing which has yet been said of the President is that, as between a friend to whom he owes gratitude and appreciation, and a self-seeking politician whose future support he may need, he instinctively sacrifices the former. His phenomenal ability to "forgive his enemies and forget his friends" has been too often illustrated to be longer doubted.—Chicago *Times.*

ENGLAND has already spent £3,500,000 of the £6,000,000 supplementary supplies voted a few weeks ago, in preparing the army and navy for war. The Chancellor of the Exchequer therefore desires and proposes to provide more funds by increasing the tax on incomes, on tobacco and on dogs. Nothing is so costly as war, but war preparation comes next to it.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR is very confident that he will yet upset the Hayes Government. Like the Irishman who wagered another that he could not carry him to the top of a high building in his hod, Blair has hopes of a big tumble, forgetting that we ar all in the same boat, as all President Hayes's official acts for the last thirteen months must go down with him. But because Blair is a lunatic, it doesn't follow that the Judges of the Supreme Court are fools.—Buffalo *Express.*

MONTGOMERY BLAIR says he thinks he can get Mr. Tilden in the White House in about sixty days. All that is necessary is to have him declared the rightfull President, and then have the Chief Justice give him the oath. Just as soon as he gets into the White House, Mr. Tilden will announce his financial policy, "which will be vicorous," and will at once give relief to the country. This is the largest collection of unhatched chickens on record. The worst of it is that the whole calculation is based on a nest of hopelessly over-ripe eggs.

THE Southern members of Congress, who like to dispense a share of the loaves and fishes, complain that the Postmaster General exercises the same partiality toward Tennessee that the President does toward Ohio. They say that Tennessee people are quartered on the department in droves, which leaves very little for the other Southern States. For instance, out of seventeen route agents on the New Orleans, St. Louis and Chicago railroad, eight are from Tennessee, and it is alleged that this is only a sample.

THE Senate has passed the Judiciary Committee's bill to compel the Pacific Railroads to pay their Government indebtedness by the very emphatic vote of 40 to 19, after all the amendments had been voted down or withdrawn. The better part of the Senate is recorded in favor of the bill which will oblige Gould, Huntington & Co., who are coining millions out of the roads built at the public expense, to pay the debts due the Government. As the House Committee has already agreed to report this bill favorably, it looks as if the railroad speculators and lobbyists were fairly beaten.

A HORRIBLE OCCURRENCE.

The Steuben County Poor-House Burned with Sixteen Inmates.

BATH, April 7.—One of the buildings of the Steuben County Poor-house near here burned last night. Fifteen inmates perished. The building was fired by L. Ford, of Horsellaville, an inmate afflicted with fits, but considered trustworthy and allowed liberties.

The Bath fire department arrived too late to be of service. The building was of brick, with iron-grated windows and door, and the inmates were unable to escape. Ford, David Curtiss, John Alvian, John Messenger, Buel Page, Betsey Smith, Julia Davis, Ross Welch, Ann Ranger, Mary Stone, Cloe Made (colored) Ann Shultz, Catherine Sullivan, Jennie Mills, (aged four years) and Mary Hewitt (aged one) were burned. The details are blood-curdling. One other man was badly injured. Over forty were rescued. The scene is sickening in the extreme.

NORTHERN RAILROADS.

The Trouble Between Two Companies who would Connect the Lower and Northern Oil Fields—The Routes.

From the Oil City Derrick

The Olean, Bradford and Warren Railroad Company and the Warren, Rochester & Bradford Company are both in existence. No adjustment has yet been made of the differences between the contending companies. Both have engineers in their employ who are figuring on the problems of location and construction. Different engineers have different ideas in regard to the better of the two proposed routes. While parties in Warren who have axes to grind are holding off, golden hours are flitting by, and an anxious public is waiting for a cross-cut from the lower country to the Northern oil fields. The crowd that comes and goes would be glad to travel up the Allegheny if two or three hours could be saved. Travel to and from the Bradford field will probably never be better than it is to-day. Those who will use it care but little about who builds it, so long as the parallel bars are put down at the earliest possible moment. Two routes are proposed. The route in which the citizens of Warren who are interested in a toll bridge seem most interested, connects with the Philadelphia & Erie road, on the east side of the river opposite that town. Their line will follow up the river to Sugar Creek, thence along this creek to the headwaters of the West Branch which it will follow to Bradford. The Olean, Bradford and Warren folks propose to connect with the Dunkirk & Warren Railroad, on High street, at Warren, following along into the Conewango, which they will cross at the foot of that street. From this point they will keep the west side of the river to Great Bend, where they span it with a bridge. Then they take the east side as far up as the town of Kinzua. After reaching this point they will follow the Kinzua Creek to Chapel Fork, thence along the Fork to the West Branch to Bradford. Half of the way to Bradford the grade will be light. The summit will be reached near Marsh's Corners after climbing a grade of ninety feet to the mile for ten miles. The cost in round numbers is roughly estimated between $250,000 and $300,000. Mr. C. Jones Lucas, engineer for the late Empire Line looks after the interests of the Olean, Bradford & Warren Company. Chief Engineer Wood and Locating Engineer John Morgan, an old engineer from the Pennsylvania Railroad, are doing the work for the Warren, Rochester & Bradford Road. It is rumored that an amicable arrangement is soon to be made and that all will combine in building a road between the points. It is a consummation devoutly to be wished.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

ENGLAND is promised 10,000 men from Bengal.

A BOGUS confession of Mrs. Tilton has been offered for sale. She declares it a forgery.

IT HAS been discovered that one-half of the 9000 bar-rooms in New York are unlicensed.

THE Treasury Department has decided in the case of the Gettysburg claims that the Government is not liable for the losses of private citizens in the operations of war.

STEWART'S Woman's hotel has a rival A woman in New York—Miss Sarah Leggett—proposes to start a boarding house for business women at which the rate of board shall be $4 per week. There will doubtless be room for both these useful establishments in the metropolis.

THE matter of appointments is troublesome in Ohio as well as at Washington. A Democrat in the Ohio Legislature asks that body to investigate Gov. Bishop, and also a penitentiary warden, upon that point. It is also said that Bishop uses his Governorship chiefly to make himself useful as Railroad President.

LAST week Tuesday, at Chicago, the various Communistic parties polled over 25,000 votes, the Republicans but 18,000, the Democrats only 15,000. From Michigan numerous victories of the National party are reported. Whither are we drifting?

THE Dauphin County Court has decided in favor of the Commonwealth in the case against the Insurance Company of North America, which resisted the payment of $6000 tax on the premiums paid on policies by non-residents of the State.

THE internal revenue receipts up to April 9th show a decrease from the same period of the last fiscal year of $5,578,388. This is very largely due to the agitation of the tariff question in Congress.

ANOTHER cheering business indication is the fact that since January 1st, two thousand horses, cost a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, have been shipped from Montreal to the United States, four hundred in excess of the total export the previous year.

GEN. FIELD, the newly elected Doorkeeper of the House, took possession of the office Tuesday. He was soon besieged by place hunters. It is not supposed he will make many changes. The Assistant Doorkeeper under Polk has resigned.

THE Postoffice Department has received a report stating that officers engaged in trying to arrest robbers who stopped a train on the Houston & Texas Central Railroad and robbed the express and mails had a skirmish with the outlaws, who are in force. The assistance of the State authorities has been invoked.

THE House Committee on Elections seems to have become tired of seeing Democratic contestants seated in the House whether they had any just claims or not, as in the case of Dean of Massachusetts, Whigington of California, and one or two others, and have decided to recommend declaring two contested seats from Louisiana and two from South Carolina vacant.

VOICE OF THE PRESS.

From the Buffalo Express.

The Buffalo *Courier* has with singular care avoided mention of Senator Voorhee's recent speech at Terre-Haute, in which he explained that "Democracy, East or West, is opposed to contraction and resumption," and that there is no need for dissention, because the East accepts the political faith of the West. There is little doubt that the Senator speaks the substantial truth. The peculiar political paradox known as the "hard-money Democrat" is rapidly disappearing from public view. The *Courier* might as well accept the inevitable and get ready to shout for a purely communistic platform in 1880.

From the Oil City Derrick.

From our exchanges we learn that Hon. C. W. Stone, of Warren, our present State Senator, is practically without opposition for the Republican nomination for Lieutenant Governor. The DERRICK is independent of party affiliations, but is, in common with all the people of the Oil Regions, interested in seeing all parties nominate candidates who have the true interests of the people at heart. Senator Stone has been tried and not found wanting. Possessed of scholarly attainments and legal acquirements, with a pure public and private record, honest and able, his nomination would be gratifying to the people of northwestern Pennsylvania, and especially to the people of the Oil Region.

From the Gazette and Bulletin.

STONE, of Warren, is looming up as a strong candidate for Lieutenant Governor before the Republican Convention, and the indications are that he will lead M'Michael.

From the Kingston Freeman.

Ben. Butler is drifting back to the Democracy. No man has been more reviled by Democrats than he, but we venture to say no republican will be more heartily welcomed. His style of statesmanship will find full scope for its powers among democratic legislators. But it must be pleasant for his Massachusetts constituents who sent him to Congress under the delusion that he would be true to Republicanism.

New Advertisements.

Important to Horse Breeders.

The subscriber would respectfully announce to the owners and breeders of horses of McKean county, that the celebrated

INDRED STALLION,

Hambletonian Prince, Jr.,

is now in charge of Mr. C. F. Adams, and will make the season of 1878 in Smethport and vicinity, as advertised by handbills.

All admirers of well bred stock are respectfully invited to examine this horse, or his stock, on the farms of

ERASTUS, CURTIS AND E. P. RICHMOND.

For particulars as to Pedigree, Dates and Terms see large bills, or address

C F ADAMS,
Smethport, Pa

W G CONDEN,
Smethport, Pa. April 11.—21-tf

To Let!

A farm containing 50 acres, situated on Portage Creek, four miles south of Port Allegany, with good house, barns, etc., and well, orchard, etc. Terms easy. Address

O. F. PEET, Olean, N. Y.
15-26

In Bankruptcy.

District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
IN BANKRUPTCY.

This is to give notice that on the 1st day of April, A. D. 1878, Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of Reuben Painter of Bradford in the county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania who has been adjudged Bankrupt upon his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such Bankrupt to him or for his use and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law: that a meeting of the Creditors of said Bankrupt to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Office No. 11, North Park Row, Erie Pa., before S. E. Woodruff, Esq., Register, on the 24 day of May, A. D. 1878 at 10 o'clock a. m.

JOHN HALL,
U. S. Marshal as Messenger
Pittsburgh April 5, 1878.—21-3p

Legal.

Court Proclamation.

The Hon. HENRY W. WILLIAMS, President Judge, and the Hons. W. S. BROWNELL and P. S. BURNHAM, Associate Judges of the courts of Quarter sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Court of Common Pleas for the County of McKean, have issued their precept, bearing date Thursday, February 28, 1878, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Court of Common Pleas, in the Borough of Smethport on Monday, the 1st day of April, 1878, and to continue one week.

Dated at Smethport April 1, 1878, and the third year of the Independence of the United States of America. C. S. KING, Sheriff.

Trial List.

1 D J Keyes vs Alvin Hooker
2 Clark & Co vs Philo Ackley
3 L O Wetmore vs Rice English et al
4 S Howard vs E J Wright
5 I Atwood Putnam vs Chas H Crosby
6 Cyrus Putnam vs Charles H Crosby
7 R T Watkins vs E W Green and wife
8 Caroline Bradley vs Enos Parsons
9 Clark & Co vs Wm Bradley
10 S S Moses vs J M Wrigley
11 A J Shepard vs J P Charles
12 D C Wood vs King (sheriff) & Lillibridge
13 Geo Monson vs John Aers
14 Use Gray vs Ella Wright vs King (sheriff) and Lillibridge
15 R E Looker vs A Lundholm
16 Admr's of W M Newell vs Aug W Newell
17 Nelson Hooker vs Jacob Coss
18 Use of Percy C DeGolier vs Emery Patterson & Co
19 Peck & Dikeman vs Emery, Patterson & Co
20 Chas Newell vs P Kerns et al
21 L H Dolley vs Abra e Wetmore
22 D Limper vs Melville & Keith
23 P G Bachman vs Harry Bodine
24 Aurelia P Rife vs Ezr's of A M Taylor, deceased
25 McNish & Tift vs Stone & Copeland
26 Ex'rs of A N Taylor, dec'd, vs Bradford township
27 Patrick Ryan vs Driscoll & O'Connor
28 Davis & Harris vs Jno C Drake, et al
29 Geo M Welch vs A D Kelley et al
30 Rockefellow & Porter vs Jas S Book et al

Jury List

Adjourned February Term, April 22, 1878.

TRAVERSE JURY.

Anderson, Isaac, Hamilton township.
Auld, H. D., Eldred township.
Bartholomew, William, Hamilton township.
Bishop, Amos, Smethport borough.
Bishop, L. B., Liberty township.
Bower, A. E., Eldred township.
Backus, F. W., Smethport borough.
Bellows, C. L., Annin township.
Boon, J. H., Lewis township.
Champlain, Asa, Keating township.
Driscoll, Patrick, Sergeant township.
Duke, John, Otto township.
Dennis, G. T., Eldred township.
Eastwood, Arch, Liberty township.
Falkenburg, John, Lewis township.
Fisher, W. W., Bradford township.
Griffith, Thomas, Wetmore township.
Goodwin, Thomas, Keating township.
Gober, F. M., Eldred township.
Genemus, William, Norwich township.
Kinsey, A., Corydon township.
King, G. W., Keating township.
Lillibridge, A. N., Liberty township.
Lane, E. T., Bradford borough.
Mc!, John A., Wetmore township.
Nye, W. K., Bradford borough.
Ostrander, N., Liberty township.
Prentiss, Arthur, Otto township.
Pattison, S. W., Keating township.
Roberts, H. B., Annin township.
Reilly, Andrew, Keating township.
Richardson, George, Bradford township.
Robarts, Ralph, Eldred township.
Simpson, F. W., Annin township.
Splain William, Annin township.
Wahaman, T. C., Eldred township.

J. K. P. WHITE,
J. A. ANDERSON, } Jury Comrs.
C. S. KING, Sheriff.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on Monday, April 22d, 1878, at 2 o'clock p. m. I will make an application before His Honor, H. W. Williams, at Smethport, Pa., for the incorporation of the Bradford Oil Exchange, under the provisions of the act of Assembly made and provided.

GEO. A. BERRY,
Atty. for Applicants.
15-22 3t

BEST business you can engage in. $5 to $20 per day made by any worker of either sex right in their own localities. Particulars and samples worth $5 free. Improve your spare time at this business. Address STINSON & Co. Portland Maine.
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Miscellaneous.

New Furniture Rooms.

The undersigned has opened in his new building on

Mechanic St., Near Iron Bridge,

a new Furniture Warehouse, where he will keep a full stock of

PARLOR AND CHAMBER FURNITURE, and HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE Of All Kinds,

GOOD STOCK AND FAIR PRICES.

Patronage solicited.
15 23tf ROBERT WOLTERS, Prop'r.

Smethport & McK. & B. Depot 'Bus

Stages run to and from all regular trains. Until further notice a conveyance will leave the Bennett House and Wright House as follows

7:45 and 11:15 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

All orders left at the post office or either of the above hotels will receive prompt attention.

F. VICKERY, Proprietor.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Health and Happiness are priceless Wealth to their possessors, and yet they are within the reach of every one who will use

WRIGHT'S LIVER PILLS,

The only sure CURE for Torpid Liver, Dyspepsia, Headache, Sour Stomach, Constipation, Debility, Nausea, and all Bilious complaints and Blood disorders. None genuine unless signed "Wm. Wright, Philla." Your Druggist will not supply send 25 cents for one box to Hartick, Keller & Co., 70 N. 4th St. Phila. 15-22 y

NEW MEAT MARKET.

In the basement of the Wright House,

SMETHPORT, PA.

The undersigned having purchased of Wm. Ogilvie the good will and fixtures of his meat market would respectfully announce to the citizens of Smethport that they are prepared to furnish

FRESH AND SALT MEATS,

Fish, Lard, etc.,

as low as the market will allow. An inspection of goods and prices is invited.

F. O. & A. WRIGHT.
Proprietors.

U can make money faster at work for us than at anything else. Capital not required; we will start you. $12 per day at home made by the industrious. Men, women, boys and girls wanted everywhere to work for us. Now is the time. Costly outfit and terms free. Address TRUE & Co. Augusta Maine.

FURNITURE

of all kinds,

Parlor and Chamber Sets,

PICTURE FRAMES, ETC.,

of every description constantly on hand and made to order.

Mechanic St. SMETHPORT, PA.

Wm. Specht, Prop'r.

L. M. RAUB,
Surgeon Dentist,
Bolivar, All. Co. N. Y.

TEETH EXTRACTED comparatively WITHOUT PAIN.

By the use of Dr. Von Bonhorst's Anæsthetic.

Twenty years of continued and successful practice warrants me in promising full satisfaction.

Parties wishing dental services at their homes can be accommodated promptly by dropping me a postal card.

Legal.

Charter Notice.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania and in accordance with the Act of Assembly approved the 29th of April A. D. 1874, for a charter of incorporation for a plank road company, with the power franchises and privileges of constructing a plank road from Duke Centre to Eldred, both in the county of McKean and State of Pennsylvania.

DORNAN & CHEESEMAN,
Attys for Petitioners.
Duke Centre, March 14, 1878. 20-3

Auditor's Notice.

A. M. GILLETT } In McKean County Com-
vs. } mon Pleas, A.D. No. 74, Feb.
THOS. BRADLEY } T. 1878.
E.D. No. 63, Dec. T. 1877.

THE Court having appointed the undersigned Auditor to distribute the fund, arising from Sheriff's Sale in the above case. Notice is hereby given to all parties interested, that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at my office in Smethport on Thursday the 4th day of April, 1878, at 10 o'clock, a.m., when and where all persons are required to produce and substantiate their claims.

15-19-4p D. R. HAMLIN, Auditor.

Auditors Notice.

In the estate of Nathan Palmer, Deceased.

The Court having appointed the undersigned Auditor to distribute the fund in hand of Administrators of said estate: Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at the office of Backus & Gerlach in Smethport on Monday, April 8th 1878, when and where all persons who hold any claims against said estate are required to produce and substantiate the same or be debarred from coming in for a share of said fund.

E. H. KING, Auditor.
20-3

Breve de partitione Facienda

JOHN H. DINGMAN and JAMES O'NEILL, vs. BURDETT CHANDLER with other terre tenants.

IN COURT OF McKEAN COUNTY:

Breve de Partitione Faciendo.

And now, March 1, 1878. The said writ having been returned by the Sheriff, and the return thereof approved by the Court on motion of Counsel for Plaintiff's, the Court grant a rule on all persons interested in said case to come into Court on the 22d day of April next to accept or refuse the estate mentioned in the said writ at the appraised value thereof.

Notice to be given parties residing out of the County by publication in the McKEAN MINER.

BY THE COURT.

Certified from the Record.
{seal} C. E. SAMWELL,
Prothonotary.
20-6

Assignee's Bankrupt Sale.

VALUABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY IN PORT ALLEGANY, PA., WITH PERSONAL EFFECTS OF BANKRUPT FOR SALE.

By virtue of an order issued out of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and to me direct

THE McKEAN MINER.

Smethport, Pa., April 11, 1878.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST.—J. C. WHITESIDE, pastor. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 9 a. m., and Preaching at 10½ a. m.; and 7 p. m. Class Meeting at 11½ a. m. Prayer Meetings on Thursday evenings at 7 p. m.

Preaching at Norwich and at Cole Creek at 3 p. m. every alternate Sabbath.

BAPTIST.—O. J. ROSE, pastor. Services Sunday at 10½ a. m. and at 7½ p. m. Sunday School immediately after the morning service. Preaching once in two weeks at the Hafner school house.

EPISCOPAL.—H. Q. MILLER, Rector. Services on the 2d and 4th Sunday of each month at 10½ a. m. and 7½ p. m. Sabbath School at 9 a. m.

St. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH—Rev. J. F. SMITH, pastor. Mass at 11 a. m. Service at 11.30 a. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Services on each alternate Sunday at Smethport and Clermont.

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY.

President Judge.—H. W. Williams, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.
Additional Judge.—S. F. Wilson, Wellsboro, Tioga Co.
Associate Judges.—W. S. Brownell, Smethport; F. N. Burnham, Eldred.
District Attorney.—P. R. Cotter, Port Allegany.
Sheriff.—C. S. King, Smethport.
Prothonotary.—C. K. Sartwell, Smethport. *Deputy.*—J. E. Chadwick.
County Treasurer.—W. D. Gallup, Smethport.
Commissioners.—Benj. Bunker, Orlando Gallup, Wm. A. Young.
County Clerk.—Jno. E. Chadwick, Smethport.
Auditors.—O. D. Coleman, J. L. Bean, M. W. Fisher.
Regular Terms of Court.—Fourth Monday in February and September, and Third Monday of June and December.

Borough Officers.

Burgess.—M L Armstrong
Asst Burgess.—H L McKay
Councilmen.—I M Smith H P Corwin Wm Specht S Backus N W Abbey J C Hamlin
School Directors.—L Rogers B D Hamlin B L Knapp E G Brown R Sartwell L Burlingame
Peormisters.—E P Waller O W Gallup
Justices.—I M Smith, P Ford
Assistants.—C K Sartwell M A Sprague A B Armstrong

HERE AND HEREABOUTS.

—Two new passenger coaches have been placed on the Narrow Gauge.

—Rev. J. C. Whiteside has just put up in his parlor one of Bradbury's pianos.

—Capt. and Mrs. J. Emhoff returned from their trip to Washington last week.

—Hon. L. Rogers has been spending a few days at home. He returned to Harrisburg on Tuesday.

—Three hundred dollars will pay your passage—both ways—across the water and enable you to live in Europe two months.

—Mercantile Appraiser F. V. Chadwick, is hard at work making up his appraisement list, which will be published in due season.

—The Harah & Shreiber well No. 7, on the Moses tract, near Limestone, is reported to be flowing 75 barrels per day from first sand.

—Messrs. Haskill & Gifford, W. D. Gallup, and W. S. Brownell started for New York Monday morning to purchase their stocks of spring goods.

—Will. Bouton now occupies a desk in the Prothonotary's office. We doubt not he will prove a valuable addition to the clerical force of that office.

—Just printed at the MINER Job Rooms—another large stock of Warranty and Quit-Claim Deeds, and Building Leases with exemption and ejectment clauses.

—A first-class Cabinet Organ, only been in use a short time, and originally costing $240, will be sold very cheap.—For further particulars inquire at this office.

—Auditor H. King has been holding court at the office of Backus & Gorton, several days, adjudicating upon the claims against the estate of N. Palmer, deceased.

—We are informed that Arnold & Dolley, of Port Allegany, are building a side track to connect their lumber mill with the main track of the B. N. Y. & P. Railway.

—Dermont Haskill caught a trout a few days ago weighing a pound and a quarter. Yet some of our exchanges are bragging about their "boss" trout weighing a pound.

—H. V. Redfield writes us that he is assured by the Department that the mail messenger will be reinstated on the McK & B. railroad probably by the 1st of June, and certainly by the 1st of July.

—Congdon's Cheese Factory commenced operations for the season on the 1st of the month. This is earlier than usual, and is an encouraging sign that our dairymen are gaining in practical wisdom.

—We publish on the first page of this paper an article from the Wellsboro *Agitator* relating to the sudden death of Thomas Bryden, which will be read with interest by his many warm friends in this section.

—Eugene McCoy, of Ellicottville, well known in this vicinity as a clerk in H. Hamlin's store several years, has gone to California to make a fortune. 'Gene has the business faculty to make it, and we hope he will be successful.

—The Ithaca *Journal* explains how "matches are made." "Take of young man and young woman, equal parts, and let them sit up together about six months' telling them a few times in this interval that they should never have each other."

—The borough Auditors met last Monday to audit the accounts of the poormasters and borough Treasurer, but no one was ready with his accounts. The auditors threaten to make it warm for some one if their official dignity is again trifled with.

—Do not the Olean editors have rather more to say of each other's weaknesses and private affairs than is pleasant for the principal parties or interesting to the public? What is that Murphy motto boys? Does it read, "With malice toward all and charity for none?"

—It is reported that J. M. Welch has leased his residence in Kendall to Mr. Scribner, a gentleman of large experience in the hotel business, and will build an addition to the house, 22x30 feet and three stories high, will make it the finest hotel in the country. It is to be called the Welch House. The Mayor and family go to Jamestown to spend a year or more.

—H. King, Esq., started for Harrisburg yesterday morning, where he is to undertake on behalf of the Narrow Gauge railroad to argue the Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of the Commonwealth into the opinion that they should annul the charter of the Elevated Railway. It strikes us that it will be an uphill task, but he will give them all the points of law they want to digest in the matter.

LOCAL POLITICS.

Meeting of County Committee—Selection of Delegate to State Convention, and Unanimous endorsement of Hon. C. W. Stone, of Warren, for Lieutenant Governor.

Pursuant to a call of the Chairman, the Republican County Committee met last Saturday afternoon in this borough to consider any business upon which it might be deemed advisable to act.

Hon. L. Rogers, chairman of the Committee, presided, and H. F. Barbour was elected Secretary of the Committee.

The committee indulged in an informal discussion concerning State politics, especially regarding the nomination of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. As to the former the feeling was strongly in favor of urging the nomination of Hon. H. W. Williams for that position, should he allow himself to be considered a candidate. It was supposed some time ago that he was a candidate, and the committee would most gladly have instructed their delegates for him, knowing that they would by so doing represent fully the entire sentiment of the party in McKean county, but the fact that the leading Republican paper of Tioga endorses another nomination, for whom the delegates of that county are also claimed, was rather discouraging, and it was concluded advisable to give no instructions on that point.

As to the nomination for Lieutenant Governor, there was but one opinion and one sentiment with the committee, which was that McKean county, in common with the other oil producing counties of the State, should insist upon and demand the nomination of Hon. C. W. Stone, of Warren. As an expression of this sentiment the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Senatorial and Representative delegates of McKean county to the Republican State Convention, representing as they will, one of the most important oil districts of the State, be and they are hereby requested to urge the nomination, and are instructed to vote first, last and all the time for Hon. C. W. Stone, of Warren, as the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor.

Hon. L. Rogers was chosen Representative delegate, after which the committee adjourned, subject to call of the chairman.

The New Order of Things.

By an announcement in another column it will be seen that some of the prominent merchants of Smethport have followed the fashion of the day and entered into a combination—a ring some would call it—for their own protection. After the 15th they propose to sell no goods except for spot cash or approved notes. The plan, as we understand it, is to demand of their patrons who wish credit a note for a certain sum agreed upon, and if the amount of the note is not traded out at the time of giving it they will receive a due bill for the balance, in merchandise.

We are not yet prepared either to commend or condemn this new policy. The measure of its commendation will, like all experiments, be rated by its success or failure. There is no question that a universal credit system is an abomination. It breeds deceit and dishonesty with the debtor and causes continual annoyance and oftentimes failure to the creditor. The retail dealer must pay the cash for his goods when they are due or lose his credit and business standing. If he sells on the credit system it has become to be a mere matter of accidental good fortune that he gets the money in time to meet his payments; more frequently he only gets it after months of persistent dunning and at the end of a law suit, and quite often he never gets it. The consequence is that many of our retail merchants who are doing a large business, and ought to be in easy circumstances, are continually embarrassed for want of ready cash to meet their bills. At the same time they have thousands of dollars on their books against "good" men.

It seems that there ought to be some way of avoiding these difficulties. If this new plan proves a success (and we must say we entertain serious doubts about it) it will prove a blessing inestimable to both dealer and consumer. It is worthy of a trial, at all events.

The Warren Oil Field.

The Warren oil district shows signs of improvement. The production has been raised, since our last publication, from 350 barrels per day to about 700. This increase is occasioned by two new strikes—one on the State farm, by Hoffman & Clinton, the yield of which is 250 barrels per day, and one on the Eggleston farm, owned by John Bell & Co., of over 100 barrels. Then there is considerable excitement about Stoneham. Land about the Bugbee and Struthers wells has been pretty generally leased, and contracts made for putting down a number of wells. The Struthers well is deep in good sand, but the production is small, so far; but enough to create great expectations in the mind of the average operator of a larger yield in future wells. It is as we predicted in the winter, viz: that the opening of spring would find new strikes, and increased activity in the oil production about Warren. It has been demonstrated that everybody does not get rich at Bradford, and a few can be found to invest in other territory; and the Warren district is about as safe as any.—Warren *Ledger*.

A McKean County Fugitive.

The following appeared in the Philadelphia *Press* of Saturday: Alderman Shafin had before him yesterday C. O. Childs, a resident of the oil regions, who was charged with defrauding Howe & Cook, of Kendall Borough, McKean county, out $6,000 worth of tools, supplies, etc., for working an oil well, also, with having swindled Brown & Norris, of Bradford, to the extent of $1,600. These goods he obtained by false representations. He left Bradford in January last, and nothing was heard of him until he was arrested yesterday in this city. Bail in the amount of $10,500 was asked of the accused for his appearance at the next term of the McKean county court.

Important to Horsemen.

The attention of all interested in well bred horses is directed to the advertisement in another column in regard to the Hambletonian Prince, Jr. Horsemen can tell better about him by a personal inspection than by any remarks or description of ours, and both Mr. Congden, the owner, and Mr. Adams, the agent, invite the closest inspection of his pedigree and action. For any further particulars see large bills.

A SAD ACCIDENT.

R. B. Stone and Wife, of Bradford, thrown from their carriage and severely injured.

R. B. Stone, Esq. of Bradford, drove over on Saturday to attend a meeting of the Republican County Committee, as well as to attend to some legal business, and the day was so pleasant that his wife accompanied him for the pleasure of the ride and a brief visit with Smethport friends.

Having transacted his business, they started on their return home about four o'clock in the afternoon. When about a mile from our borough, and nearly opposite the residence of Brewster Freeman, the team became frightened and unmanageable. The united efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Stone had no effect in stopping them, and when they had run nearly to the residence of S. J. Rockwell they veered to the side of the road, running over a pile of rocks, and throwing both inmates of the carriage to the ground.—Mr. Stone was thrown out first, and Mrs. Stone immediately afterward. Mrs. M. Freeman was a witness of the accident, and help being promptly summoned they were carried to her residence, where they are now being cared for, being both insensible when they were reached.

Mr. Stone suffered a compound fracture of his thigh and hip and a dislocation of his shoulder. Mrs. Stone received severe bruises on the side of the head. Both are sadly bruised, and it will probably be weeks before they recover. Telegrams were immediately sent by the direction of Mr. Stone to his brother, Hon. C. W. Stone, of Warren, and to another brother in Massachusetts. The former arrived here Sunday afternoon. Dr. S. D. Freeman is in constant attendance upon the sufferers; and they can lack nothing that can be prompted by the tenderest and most affectionate care and the best of medical and surgical skill.—Mr. Stone has been a resident of McKean county but a few years, yet in that time he has gained the highest respect and regard of a large circle of friends wherever his professional and social acquaintance has extended.

MARCH OIL REPORT.

The "Derrick's" Review of Operations for the Month.

The Oil City *Derrick* of Tuesday contains a carefully compiled review of the oil operations over the entire field from Butler to Bradford for the month of March. The summary shows that 212 wells were completed, of which 39 were practically dry holes. At the close of the month 372 wells were drilling and 304 rigs were up and building. The total daily production of the region during the month was about 97,000 barrels.

In the Butler and Armstrong district at the close of the month 47 wells were drilling and 26 rigs up and building; in the Clarion district, 44 wells drilling and 36 rigs up and building; in the Venango, Warren and Crawford, 31 wells drilling and 25 rigs up and building; in the McKean and Cattaraugus district, 250 wells drilling and 207 rigs up and building. Thus it shows that the operations in the northern field exceed that of any other field. Concerning the McKean and Cattaraugus field the *Derrick* says:

Over a half thousand wells are drilling and rigs up and building in the northern field. At the close of the third month of the year 250 wells were drilling and 207 rigs up and building. It will be seen by the figures that more than twice as many wells are drilling and nearly three times as many rigs are up and building in the Bradford field as in the remainder of the region. The scene of active operations has shifted from the lower regions to the Northern field. On the last day of February 187 wells were drilling and 226 rigs were up and building. A comparison of figures will show that both were increased during the month of March. The number of wells completed was not as large as might have been expected. The number was 110, an increase of fourteen over the February number. There is a tendency in this field to over-estimate the production of wells more than anywhere else. Dry holes were quite numerous, sight being found. Nearly all are wildcat wells, made of course with the hope of an extension of the territory.

Operations are active in all parts of the field. Operations on the Knapp's Creek region are being conducted on a scale of considerable activity. Thirteen wells were completed in this locality during the month. About the old Rixford well a number of wells were in the sand with the usual showing of gas and oil. The Dean well was reported to be doing sixteen barrels. The two old wells along the Indian Creek are profitable producers. One of the dry holes was found along the Two Mile Run. Another was drilled by Ernst & Jackson, on Weymouth Brook. Near the town of Olean a *duster* was finished on the Martin farm. We have yet to learn anything from the Smethport well, which was drilled deeper during the month. The production of Bradford has been steadily increasing for months. It is now thought that ten thousand barrels is a fair estimate for the production. Many rate it higher, others still less. It is the only field in which the production has been increased for several month.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Theron Cooper, of Annin Township, is run over by a heavy wagon and badly hurt.

From a correspondence to the Potter *Journal*, we are pained to learn of a serious accident to one of the best citizens of Annin township and of the county. The correspondent relates the occurrence as follows: "Theron Cooper, of Annin, one of the substantial and best men in McKean county, was seriously injured on Tuesday of this week, while on his way to Port Allegany, in attempting to remove one of the reins which had caught under the end of the wagon pole, the horses became frightened throwing him to the ground, passing over him with a heavy wagon and load, doing great injury to his body and one foot, which is so badly bruised that amputation may be necessary if he should recover.

A Card.

In token of my affection, I would thus publicly tender my heartfelt thanks to those friends whose practical demonstration of good will, on the evening of April fourth, resulted in a handsome donation of about twenty-seven dollars. May God bless the givers.

O. J. ROSE.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

From Duke Center.

APRIL 9, 1878.

To the Editor of the Miner:

I will commence near the lower part of the valley by saying that Mr. C. M. Coleman will run the Cheese Factory Hotel on his own hook instead of having Mr. Haines as a partner, as was reported last week, and is now just commencing to accommodate travelers.

Teams are just beginning to drive on the main road for the first time to-day for four weeks.

Mrs. Wyatt, of Duke Center, has been arrested on the charge of insanity and taken off to her former residence, the insane asylum.

Adams & Ouston well on Geo. Morton lot down about 950 feet. At 500 feet a small show of oil was found, and at 750 feet Saturday night they shut down until morning when they found 150 feet of oil in the hole, which is a lighter article than that obtained at other wells.

The Williams well on L. A. Bunker lot is down 1800 feet with a light show, and the citizens have contributed $200 to have it put down 300 feet deeper.

The pump station is running off oil, and a 3-inch line is being laid.

The ground is being graded for the 25,000 barrel tank.

It is suggested that the Western Union Telegraph Co. should establish an office at Duke Center.

I am informed that a span of horses ran away while hauling wood, near the Nobles well. They were owned by a Mr. Corsicus. Slight damage was done to horses and wagon.

E. D. Slingerland, who rented a house and lot of Len. Dolley, for $15 a month, is keeping the American Hotel, and judging from the ample supplies on the tables, which were duly appropriated, it is a comfortable place to stop.

An office is being opened opposite the Postoffice for the introduction of the Swett Torpedo and the Dunbar Engine.

B. Palmer has a full line of hardware opposite the Duke Hotel and Bradford street, and J. W. Green has a new store building in progress.

There are several other new buildings in progress and will soon be ready for use.

OIL VALLEY.

The Old Maid well, on Sam. Baldwin lot, is ready to case.

Stull, Deming & Co., have bought three acres of C. E. Bard.

Stewart & Co., are down about 80 to 100 feet.

Heckenberger is driving pipe on E. E. Sprague's land.

Oak Shade well on F. W. Sprague lot is down 70 feet. F. W. Sprague well now down 300 feet, and O. Noble, No. 4, just commenced.

Rogers, on G. W. Strickland, is building a rig. Bradley & Co., building a rig; U. C. Welton well No. 2, Baldwin farm, 20 feet in the sand, and a good show; O. Noble, No. 2, 650 feet. Bradley & Co.'s tubing shows 20 barrels; Geo. H. Noble, No. 3, in the sand with a good show; Johnson & Rathbone, on Strickland lot, 900 feet; H. W. Noble, No. 1, down 1300 feet; Lake City Oil Co., No. 2, down 300 feet; Geo. H. Noble, No. 4, rig building; H. W., No. 2, rig up.

Mr. Bruce, of Warren, Pa., is to put up a portable steam saw mill on J. E. & Wm. Baldwin farm.

As I cannot get over to Rixford this morning, will give such notes as I can from last week. I was informed yesterday, however, that well No. 2 on Sim. Rixford farm was in the sand, with a good show; the Bailey well on Mason G. Dennis farm, Thomas & Love on Vaugn farm, and the Bly well on Nash lot were making a good show, but have not heard this week what they were doing.

The Hamlin well, I learned from himself, had been finished up and shows up good.

DELTA.

From Eldred.

APRIL, 10, 1878.

To the Editor of the Miner.

A. Spencer is putting up a livery barn, 28x48, west of the depot, also a dwelling, 16x30.

Colegrove is putting up a building, 20x40, which is already rented for a bakery, near the depot.

McKean Dennis & Sweeney are putting up a building, 14x24, for a hair-cutting and shaving saloon.

Jackson & Bennett are pushing forward their store.

Business is lively. The depot and platforms are crowded from end to end, top to bottom, with great masses of freight. Parties are building in every direction, while other parties are beginning and getting ready to build.

J. E. Booth is pushing forward to completion his new building on Edson street, and will be ready soon to supply Gents & Boys furnishing goods to the millions of people.

INDIAN CREEK ITEMS.

Dimmick well, on Dodge farm, commenced to drill.

Well on Eland farm, down 1,200 feet, and is going 300 feet more, with some show of oil.

Derricks are going up on Jas. Drakes' farm. Anderson & Co. is putting up one, and McBride & Co. putting up another.

Hardison & Co. are putting up a rig on N. Hooker.

Carlins well, on D. Cooper, commenced to drill.

F. H. Neffe is doing a good business in Hotel keeping, with good accommodations.

JAS.

From Coryville.

APRIL 8th., 1878.

To the Editor of The Miner:

Gilmor well on Digel farm down nearly 1,300 feet. It has been delayed in consequence of the hole getting crooked—having taken several days to take the crook out of it. The stray sands occasionally found begin to emit the peculiar odor that is so much sought after. Gilmor well on Bingham land, at the head of Rice Brook, has rig up and most of the things, except tools and ropes on the spot. Williams & Rutherford well on the A. O. Cory farm, about so so, only the workmen are on hand proclaiming that their tools are daily expected on the cars, and teams engaged to make short work of their delivery the moment that they arrive. Hope this monotony of do-nothing-ness may be effectually broken, and each party drill their wells and not wait for their neighbors to develop territory for them.

The Union Pipe Line Co. have their surveyors at work locating the line, commencing at the McKean & Buffalo R. R., at Coryville, going north-west, up Rice Brook. At last account had it located to Red Rock, on the Olean, Bradford & Warren R. R.

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APRIL 9, 1878.

To the Editor of the Miner:

We wish to inform the citizens of this vicinity, that we are having a Select School worthy of note under the management of Rev. D. A. Parcells, although opposition presented itself on every hand yet, due to the energies of a few the school is in a prospering condition.

O. S SCRIBBLER.

Donation.

The friends of Rev. J. C. Whiteside are invited to attend a Donation Party for his benefit at the Cheese Factory in Farmers Valley, on Thursday evening, April 18, 1878. All are cordially invited. The following committees have charge of the arrangements, and a pleasant time is assured:

Mr. S. P. Beckwith	and lady,
" J. L. Bean	" "
" Henry Roeder	" "
" F. C. Olds	" "
" J. C. Mosier	" "
" C. H. Beckwith	" "
" Casper Smith	" "
" S. Provin	" "
" H. Calkins,	Miss C. Sloan,
" Wm. Young,	" Janey Day,
" M. D. Ferris,	" Maud Stevens,
" A. Turner,	" Maggie Smith,
" E. C. Ray,	" Lena Herzog.
" John Smith,	" A. O. Spencer,
" Alfred Provin,	" Ellen Otto,
" J. A. Olds,	" E. Trumbull,
" Wesley Beckwith.	

TABLE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. S. P. Beckwith,
" F. C. Olds,
" A. R. Tubbs,
Miss M. A. Goodwin,
" Caroline Otto,
" Alice Robbins,
" Victoria Day,
" Emma J. Roeder.

Change of Location.

Alfred Sturdevant informs us that he is about to make a long contemplated change in the location of his barber shop. He has engaged rooms in the rear of A. B. Armstrong's drug store, formerly occupied as an office, with an entrance on State street. This new location possesses many advantages over the present one. It is central, and is removed from the noise and confusion inseparable from the public room of a hotel. We are pleased to know that Alfred has determined not to leave town, and also that his patronage is daily on the increase.

Taken a Partner.

J. P. Wendell, our enterprising grocer, has taken Miss Eliza D. Gallup, daughter of Philetus Gallup, of Keating township, into partnership for life. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents yesterday, with the assistance of Rev. J. C. Whiteside, and the family friends and a number of invited guests as witnesses. A large circle of warm friends unite in wishing for the new firm a long life full of happiness and worldly prosperity.

Matriage and Marrying.

The above is the subject title of the lecture to be delivered in the Court House, in this borough, on Tuesday evening, the 23d of this month, by the Rev. Dr. Muller, of Buffalo. The subject is one that cannot but interest every one, either presently or prospectively, and as the Dr. is not only one of the ablest divines of Buffalo, but is also one of the most popular of platform orators, we expect the subject will be handled in a masterly and able manner.

Suspension of Book Accounts.

On and after April 15, '78, the mode of selling our goods will be as follows, viz: Ready pay, approved notes, or cash up and no grumbling; and we sincerely hope that this way of doing business will prove a mutual benefit to our customers as well as ourselves.

HASKILL & GIFFORD, W. S. BROWNELL,
W. D. GALLUP, J. P. WENDELL
Smethport, Pa., April 8, 1878.

Lost.

Somewhere in the borough of Smethport the Discharge papers of Patrick Long. The papers are of no use to any but the owner, and the finder will confer a favor upon him by leaving them at this office.

—We have been given the particulars of a little unpleasantness up "Irish Hollow," with request to publish. The gist of the matter seems to be that two young men felt slighted because of numerous invitations to partake of warm sugar with a certain well-to-do farmer and the failure to receive the sweets upon acceptance of the invitations, and thus they took the matter in their own hands by going into the "bush" and helping themselves. The result was a search warrant, etc. An intestine war seemed imminent at one time, but we are happy to state that actual hostilities have not yet commenced.

—It is becoming to be a question of serious interest to the tax-payers of this borough whether they had not better adopt the plan of the Steuben county landowners, and refuse to pay any school taxes whatever unless the directors guarantee a good school. We have a fine school building, and we surely pay enough school taxes to insure a good school a portion of the year. The building has been unoccupied, or worse than unoccupied, a good portion of the past year. Are the Directors going to allow a continuation of such a shabby state of affairs?

—By how trifling a matter will a newspaper editor frequently place his life in imminent danger. Just because we spoke in our last issue of His Honor, Sergeant-at-arms John M. King, of the Prothonotary's Office, as being a gentleman of very advanced age, we barely escaped a deadly assault from the gentleman in person. We did escape, however, and hasten to retract. Uncle John may be old in years, but in every other respect he is "just as young as he used to be."

—We dispatched a reporter to the Haskill well yesterday, with orders not to return unless he brought the bottom of the hole with him. We were determined to get at the bottom facts. The reporter has not returned, and we have nothing to report from that much talked of and much abused hole in the ground this week.

Treasurer's Sales—Errata.

HAMLIN TOWNSHIP.

Wts.	sub	Acres	Owner	Tax
2573		550	H Hamlin	107 25
2573		67	do	13 05
2473		100	do	19 50
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.				
2656	117	225	H Hamlin	32 63
WETMORE.				
2571	111	113 1-3	H Hamlin	25 66
2571	112	225	do	53 38
OTTO.				
2666		36	Baldwin & Lovejoy	4 95

NEIGHBORING COUNTIES.

Cameron.

From the Press:

—Postmaster Taggart and Doc. Snyder, are still in Forest county capturing pigeons, and, we learn, with good success.

—Democratic candidates for Assembly are as thick as pigeons. Joe. M. Shafer, is announced in the *Independent* this week; Wm. Howard is working like a beaver; Parsons has his best eye on the position; Boynton is looking two ways—democratic and greenback; Huntley, like Barkus, is willing, and Hyde would like it, but knows he can't get it. The ring has set the job up in the interest of Howard, and he will be the winning horse.

Potter.

From the Journal:

—The Potter County Agricultural Society will hold it next Annual Fair on the grounds of the Society, near this place, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, September 25th, 26th, and 27th, next.—The premium-list will appear soon.

—Daniel Monroe met with a painful accident one day last week. He got his finger caught in an iron halter stale, and had it nearly cut off. He will keep his hand ornamented with a rag for some time to come.

—M. S. Thompson, Postmaster of this place, was greeted by the first of April in a very uncivil manner. He slipped and fell on the sidewalk, throwing his thumb out of joint, causing him much pain.

From the Enterprise:

—Hon. C. S. Jones is able to be on the street again.

—Work on the Hebron Oil Company's derrick is progressing finely. The contractor expects to start the drill the last of this week or the first of next.

—Olmsted & Larrabee have put in a fine large safe in their law office. The safe weighs over 4,000 pounds and was engineered from Port Allegany through the mud to this place by Eaton and Velie.

—Tuesday evening D. F. Glassmire exhibited a strange looking fish, which he found in the river just below town. It measured twenty-three inches in length and was as large around as a man's wrist. From the head back this strange fish resembles an eel, the head being somewhat similar to a bull-head. It is called an Eel-pout or burbot, and is not very common in this section, though said to be quite plenty in the lower Allegany.

Cattaraugus.

From the Record:

—H. W. Rugg has been reappointed Collector of the port of Olean for the coming and last season of navigation on the G. V. Canal.

—Johnson brothers have sold out their grocery store to Messrs. Blodgett & Higgins, who have similar stores at Derrick, Rushford, Pike, and Orannel. The store here is in charge of Mr. Talcott, the book keeper.

—A bonus of $1000 has been subscribed for Mr. Crocker to drill deeper his oil well down beside the Erie track. The work of moving the derrick and machinery is in progress.

—The Bradford Oil Co. is busy this week taking an inventory of its property on the Four Mile in view of a sale to Geo. V. Foreman. Their price is $150,000 but had not been accepted at last accounts. From the Union.

—This division of the State Line is doing considerable freight business. Salamanca received her first car-load of freight, over the State Line, last week. It consisted of a car-load of groceries for Hevenor & Bros.

—Eugene McCoy and Jas. Smallman, of this village, started on Monday last for California, where they expect to locate. They have the well wishes of all.

—It is stated that Gib. L. Crooks, collector of the town of Coldspring, in this county, has embezzled $247.33 of the town's money and disappeared.

—Mrs. Fred. McCoy has twin girls for the 1st of April, and there's no "fooling" about it. The McCoys, in one respect, are like those hens of Laidlow's that roost in our barn. One day thinking we would like a warm meal, a change in our bill of fare, we killed two of those hens, and the next day three more came and took their place. Eugene McCoy started for California on Monday, and the same morning two young ladies were added to the family of Fred. McCoy,—keeping the number more than good. Fred. is to be congratulated on his good luck!

Elk.

From the Advocate.

—Collector Horton is busily circulating notices for payment of county tax. The rate is 8 mills on the dollar of valuation.

—Ridgway is going to have an oil well now sure. It will be located near the Gardner school house, which is situated about two miles from this village. The rig will be erected in a few days.

—Louis Wray, a resident of Wilmarth, this township, caught on April 2d, near Wilmarth, a brook trout which measured seventeen inches and weighed, (live weight) two and three-fourth pounds.—For the first catch of the season we call this good.

—Mr. Benj. Bevier will put down the oil well, spoken of in another place, in the woods opposite James Gardner's house, about two miles northwest of this village, on the Smethport pike. The engine and boiler are now at the depot and we are informed that operations will be commenced soon.

—Butter 28 cents a pound. Eggs 16 cents a dozen. Potatoes 50 cents a bushel. Beef steak 15 cents a pound. Flour $7.50 to $8.00 a barrel. Onion sets 8 to 10 cents a quart. Good white sugar ten pounds for a dollar.

BUSINESS LOCAL.

Nervous and bilious diseases are very prevalent now-days, and cause a great deal of unhappiness, though they may be remedied by taking Dr. Fenner's Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic. His Cough Honey cures all coughs and his Golden Relief all pains.

A NEW VERSION OF AN OLD STORY.—Ben Franklin gave the people of his day a recipe for obtaining health, wealth and wisdom. The present generation is not supposed to be in want of wisdom, and would prefer happiness combined with health and wealth. The modern way to obtain all these is told in the advertisement of Barrick, Roller & Co., headed "Health and Happiness" in this paper. We cordially recommend our readers to the careful consideration of their advice.—2 t

Elegant Hair is woman's crowning beauty. When it fades, she fades as well. While it is kept bright, her personal attractions are still maintained. By preserving the hair fresh and vigorous a youthful appearance is continued through many years. Those who grieve over their fading hair turning gray too early, should know that Ayer's Hair Vigor prevents it, and restores gray or faded hair to its natural color. It is a clear and healthful preparation, containing neither oil, dye, nor anything deleterious, and imparts to the scalp what is most needed—a sense of pleasant and delightful freedom from scurf or dandruff.—*Newbern (N. C.) Times.*

Important News.

It is the duty of every person who has used *Parmelee's Blood Purifier* to let its wonderful qualities be known to their friends in curing all diseases of the Blood, Stomach, Liver Complaint, Dyspepsia, Dropsy, Boils, Itch, Humors, Piles, Loss of appetite, Salt Rheum, Ulcers, Jaundice, Erysipelas, Rheumatism, Loss of Vigor, Female Complaints and all diseases originating in bad state of the blood. Three doses will relieve any case, and we consider it the duty of all druggists to recommend it to the poor dying patients at least to try one bottle. In all cases where it has been sold not one case where it has failed has been reported. Such a medicine as Parmelee's Blood Purifier, cannot be too well known. Ask your druggist for it. Sample bottles to try, 15 cents.—Large regular size, $1 per bottle. For sale by A. B. Armstrong, Smethport; and H. Hamlin *Eldred*, Pa. 15-15-eow. 1 y.

Geo. D. Prentice speaks of Time as "The Tomb Builder." We suggest to mother, that FIFTEEN MINUTES of precious time may build a tomb for the dear form that now sleeps so gently, should Croup in its worst type attack it. How will you guard against the destroyer? DARE YOU neglect to use every known precaution? It is not possible to have a physician always at hand. Frequently the time taken in calling one, would be the death of the child. We assume the grave responsibility of saying to these mothers, that Hatch's Universal Cough Syrup is as nearly a specific as has yet been discovered for this dread disease. We should not say this without positive knowledge. This medicine has been tested for fourteen years, and thousands are quieted nightly by the fact that they have it in reach for immediate use. *Every mother* longs for a safeguard of this kind. Regular sizes and 10 cent samples for sale by Armstrong & Co., Smethport, Pa.

A Rare Offer.

A WATCH FOR EVERYBODY

A good "Elgin" Watch to be obtained for little or nothing.

THE "MINER" WATCH.

ELGIN MOVEMENT, COIN SILVER HUNTING CASE.

Given to any Lady, any Man, any Girl or Boy who will obtain a Club of 25 New Subscribers for the "MINER" at $1.50 each, or for $37.50 in subscription at Published Rates;

Although our list of subscribers is larger than at ever was, and is increasing every week, we are not yet satisfied, but want to see the number doubled within the next three months. We have therefore concluded to make the following UNPRECEDENTED offer to any of our friends who will aid us in our efforts. We will give to any man, woman or child, who will secure for us 25 *New* subscribers, at $1.50 each, and will forward to us the names with the $37.50, a genuine Coin Silver Hunting-Case Elgin Watch. Or any one sending $37.50 in subscription at published rates, whether for one or more subscribers, will also be entitled to the watch.

Such an opportunity as this proposition affords to *possess* a good watch is rarely presented, and no person in need of one can afford to let the opportunity slip. The watches are genuine in every respect, and every one presented will be warranted by M. L. Armstrong, the well known jeweler of this place. Any one wishing to make up a club and secure this prize, will please inform us at once, so there will be no delay in delivering the watch as soon as the requisite number of subscribers are secured. In order that no one need be discouraged from making the effort, we will promise to any one failing to secure the requisite number a commission of 25 per cent. on the amount of subscriptions secured.—We would prefer that no portion of the list be sent in until the club is completed. *The money must accompany the names in every instance.* There will be no restrictions upon any one as to territory.—For further information, address

H. F. BARBOUR,
Smethport, Pa.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Samaritan's Gift, the most Certain Remedy ever used.

Yes, a positive cure! Balsam Copaiva and Mercury discarded. Used in the United States Hospitals, and recommended by the surgeons.

POST HOSPITAL, Fort Marshall, Baltimore, I have used the Samaritan Remedy, and have found it effectual.

ALFRED C. ROWERS,
Surgeon 5th New York Volunteers.

Only ten pills to be taken to effect a cure.—They are entirely Vegetable, having no smell or unpleasant taste, will not in any way injure the stomach or bowels of the most delicate. Cures in from two to four days. No exposure, no trouble, no change whatever. Let those who have despaired of being cured at once use the Samaritan's Gift. Sent by mail to any address. Price Male package, *$2.00*; Female, $3.00. Sold by druggists. DESMOND & Co. Proprietors, 915 Race St., Phila. Pa.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

U. S. Internal-Revenue Special Taxes.

"Under the Revised Statutes of the United States sections 3232, 3237, 3238 and 3239 every person engaged in any business, avocation or employment which renders him liable to a special tax is required to procure said tax, and keep conspicuously in his establishment or place of business a STAMP denoting the payment of said special tax for the special-tax year beginning May 1, 1878. Section 3244 Revised statutes declares those are liable to special tax. A return as prescribed on Form 11 is also required by law of every person liable to special tax as above. Severe penalties are prescribed for non-compliance with the foregoing requirements or for continuing in business after April 30 1878 without payment of tax.

Application should be made to E. Cowan Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue Warren, Pa." 21—3t

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Larrabee.....Leave	11.20 a.m.	5.30 a.m.
Frisbee.....	11.26	5.36 "
Warner's Valley.....	11.36	5.46 "
Smethport.....	11.56	6.06 "
Colegrove.....	12.11 "	6.15 "

Farm, Garden, and Household.

Agricultural Notes.

The use of some active fertilizer early in the spring will be beneficial on almost all crops. When used with discretion these are very profitable. But at this season only those that are perfectly soluble will be found available.

To make unproductive fruit trees bear, cut from each limb close to where it diverges from the trunk, a piece of bark about four inches round the limb, one inch in width, and immediately replace by tying it on with a rag until it adheres. This must be done early in the spring, or just as soon as the sap rises sufficiently for the bark to slip or skin.

An international agricultural congress will be held at Paris during the world's fair, beginning June 10, and lasting ten days. The sections, eleven in number, will deal respectively with agriculture proper, stock raising, vine culture, sylviculture, horticulture, rural engineering, agricultural industries, silkworm breeding and entomology, rural economy and legislation, agricultural education and horse breeding.

The cheapness of farm crops affords no argument in favor of the farmer retiring from active operations. The smaller the profits—so long as there are profits—the stronger is the argument for increasing our crop areas. If we get little profit from one acre, we may still derive a satisfactory year's income by cultivating many acres. The smaller the profits the more the farmer must work to earn them. It is on this principle that many enterprising farmers are laying out their plans for the spring.

A correspondent of a Western paper details several experiments which show that when clover sod is turned in May, after the clover is up some inches, corn planted thereon is far less liable to be troubled with cut-worm than if the land were plowed the fall before or early in the spring. The worms feed on the clover instead of the corn. Besides, if the clover is in rank, growing condition when turned under, and the roots full of sap, it will be more rotten at August than if plowed earlier, when the roots are full of sap.

Hens like a variety of food, besides all kinds of grain, raw or boiled (better if boiled), and mashed potatoes. They are fond of chopped cabbage and onions, once or twice a week, and: when they cannot get grass they will eat quite freely of finely cut hay. They are not fond of burnt bones, because the fat and marrow are burned out, but raw bones, chopped into fine pieces, they will devour greedily. Animal matter, either manufactured or home made, is also very essential to their health in winter and profit.

It is often, but wrongly, considered that anything is good enough for young stock. On the contrary, nothing can be too good for growing animals. Coarse, indigestible and especially musty food is very injurious to them. It disorders the digestion and produces diarrhœa, red-water and impacted rumen, or paves the way for an attack of "black-leg," or other *anthrax diseases*, when the change to green food comes.

Plants affected by smut, rust and other fungoid diseases are, when used as food, most dangerous in their effects, and should be most carefully avoided.

Do not be in a hurry to set your hens while the weather remains cold. There is often great loss with early hatched. The least oversight may result in a stunted growth.

A careful breeder in one of the Middle States said: "I try to have about fifty setting hens at hand on the first of May and with that lot I raise the chickens for the year, having all the trouble at one time. And I find the trouble doesn't amount to much, either in caring for the hens while they are setting, or in raising so many afterward. When the chickens come off I give the hens that seem to be the best as mothers as many chickens as they can care for. All coming off about the same time are about the same age, so all the record I have to keep is of the breed."

Hints for the Garden.

It is now time to have a few early peas in the ground, as they are not injured by a little frost, and the ground is in good condition for planting. They should be planted deeply, four or five inches of covering is not too much.

Onions require dry ground to succeed, which should be well prepared and then beaten or firmly trodden down. Wood ashes is a splendid manure for any kind of onions.

Beets, lettuce, radishes, carrots, spinnach and parsley may be sown early. Spinnach indeed ought to be sown in the fall and protected through the winter, but where this has not been done spring sowing is advisable.

Good spring turnips cannot be had unless they are put in as soon as the ground is in fit condition.

Seeds of tomatoes, egg plants, cabbage and red peppers may be planted now in boxes.

Those who have neglected to order trees, plants, seeds, etc. until now should lose no time in ordering and getting their supplies.

In the hurry of spring work do not be tempted to plant, plow or work the soil in any manner until it is sufficiently dry and will crumble as it is moved by the plow.

An Estimate as to the Grain Crop.

The statistician of the agricultural department has completed his estimate of the condition and prospects of the crops for the next season. The reports from 700 correspondents of the department show that the area under cultivation for cereals, which has increased 50 per cent. during the past ten years, will, during the present season, exceed in acreage any former year. The winter wheat crop, which amounts to six-tenths of the cereal crop, will, from present appearances and with a favorable season, yield 360,000,000 bushels. The corn yield, it is estimated, will not be less than 1,000,000,000 bushels.

Add to a wineglass of cold water a half teaspoonful of sal-volatile, and with a small piece of flannel or sponge, wash well the hair, dividing it into partings, so that every part is washed. This hair wash cleanses quickly, and that it preserves the color of the hair has been proved by an experience of ten years.—Spirits of hartshorn may be used instead of sal-volatile, six drops to the wineglass, and apply in same manner.

Screenings.

Milk is only four cents a quart in Syracuse.

Mr. Bass, of English Bass ale fame, is ailing.

San Antonio, traces her history back to 1692.

Cheese factories in Mohawk Valley are running.

Secretary McCrary used to write poetry for an Iowa paper.

The Chicago University is in debt about $209,000.

"Neal & Pray" bind books in Williamsburg, N. Y.

Newfoundland sends twenty steamers seal fishing this year.

Jennie Just has married Mr. Russ recently. She was Just before she was Jennie Russ.

A colored society in Chester has suspended a member for 99 years and 99 days.

A man in Peoria, drew a town lot in a church lottery and then donated it to the church.

Jefferson Davis is said to look old and worn and broken down, and is not likely to live long.

Tilton has been lecturing assiduously in New England the past winter, for $100 to $250 a night.

The Czar is fond of water—with brandy in it.

Texas assessments increased $60,000,000 last year.

1,744 papers are published in the United Kingdom.

New silver dollars are received at par at silver weddings.

Nearly all the Western papers are now urging John Bull to either fight or hire a hall.

The capital stock of the New York *Tribune* is to be increased $100,000 during the next two months.

Ann Elizabeth Hopkins, of Cedar Creek, Tennesee, aged 117, lives with her son aged 90.

A French jeweler has hang himself because he couldn't make a watch fit a shirt button-hole.

A woman caught the high French heel of her shoe in a railroad track in Chicago, and was held fast until a train cut off her leg.

Pennsylvania Railroad stock at 29½.—That is the reason why so many Philadelphians will remain at home from the Paris Fair.

The complaint against the stools in Fairmount Park, is that they are not placed within kissing and hugging distance of each other.

Williamsport clamors for the bell punch. A careful estimate calculates the receipts for one year sufficient to cover up a portion of P. Herdic's deficits.

A Rochester man hung a sign in front of his place of business, which reads: "Twenty-five loafers wanted to stand here." They declined to stand.

Chicago poets are the most car attic.

Schurz's favorite song, "Woodman spare that tree."

David Davis' arm is as solid as ivory. He is jammed fat.

What Zack Chandler said to the Wisconsin gladiator: "Howe, do you dow?

It is said that friendship between women is only a suspension of hostilities.—French Paper.

The man who insulted John Morrisey at Savannah, it is said, still wears the belt—over his eye.

"Speaking of well preserved Government timber, look at me," says Hannibal, of Maine.

Lord Rosebery, recently married to Miss Hannah Rothschilds, owns the London *Examiner*.

There is a student at the Bangor Theological Seminary who bears the name of Allelujah.

Senator Voorhees has been invited to address the literary societies of the University of Georgia.

General Shields' pension for wounds received in '62 is to be raised from $31 25 per month to $50.

A Belgian murderer is on trial for killing his wife, whom he cut into one hundred and fifty-three pieces. No luck in odd numbers about that.

The dulciphone is the latest invention.—When held to the ear it converts the remark of a mother-in-law into a delicious four-part song without words.

Politeness is money, which enriches not him who receives it, but him who dispenses it.

While most of the Washington officials have handsome carriages, Vice-President Wheeler, it is said, seems content to ride to and from the Capitol in a street car.

Photographs: Speaker Randall, dark-eyed, clean-shaven, with determined chin; Senator Thurman, stout, stooping, full-moon face, fringed under the chin with a gray beard.

A bill to pay General Stutter, who discovered gold in Sonoma county, Cal., a pension of $250 a month has been defeated in the Legislature of that State. The General is now living in Lancaster county in comparative poverty.

When Mr. Lincoln sent to Pius IX. asking the appointment of some American Cardinals, the latter said: "For my part, I would like to see in the Sacred College men of all races and languages. I would, I think, even invest a Moor with the purple."

The Moffett bell punch will soon politically, tickle from the granite hills of Maine to the golden sands of the Pacific, from the pine forests of Canada to the fertile plains of Texas.

Excellence is a reward of labor.

Idleness is emptiness; the tree in which sap is stagnant and remains perfectly fruitless.

Prefer loss before unjust gain, for that brings grief but once, this forever.

Manners require time, as nothing is more vulgar than haste.

It is not ability to be idle, but the ability to work, that constitutes real happiness.

Gray hairs seem like the light of soft morn, silvering over the evening of life.

Hasty people drink the wine of life scalding hot, and are angry at the burning.

The heart that is soonest awake to the flowers is always first to be touched by the thorns.

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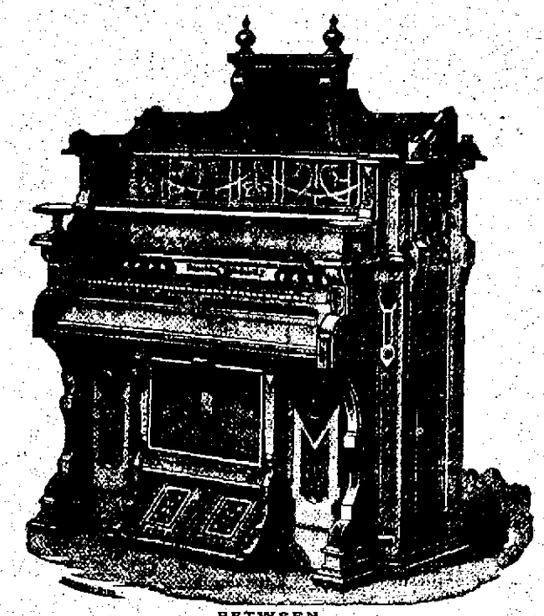

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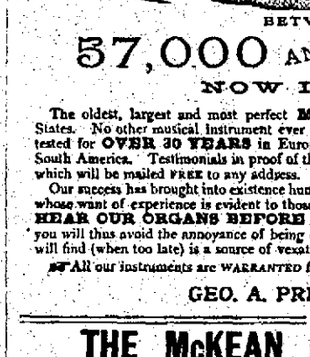

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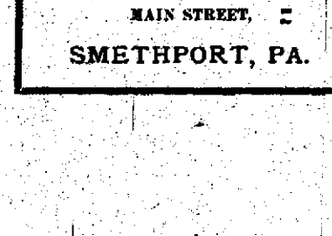

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